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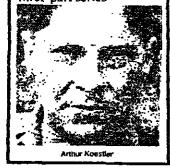
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...in Paris The Koestler story, an "autobiography by two hands": the first meeting in Paris. Part One of a three-part series



Agreement on TV-am rescue

Technicians at TV-am have agreed to a plan to change work practices and shift patterns that should save £1.5m a year and secure the company's immediate future. Earlier, the company withdrew its demand for redun-

Tax cut hopes raised again

The Chancellor has increased his leeway for tax cuts in the Budget by up to £500m by excluding public sector bank deposits from the definition of the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement
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Hope on shares

After a 30-point fall in New York's Wall Street share market and signs of a similar decline in Britain, investors remain confident about the long-terms outlook

Family money, pages 24 - 29

Jail alternative The Home Secretary is studying a plan to empower courts to impose community service on fine defaulters rather than send

them to prison Scargill protest Miners protesting against the

14-week overtime ban over pay confronted Mr Arthur Scargill at a pit in south Derbyshire Page 2

Master in mind

A dash of unseemliness has extered the debate over who will take over when Sir Alan Hodgkin retires as Master of Trinity College, Cambridge

Down today

Astronauts in the shuttle Challenger are due to land at Cape Canaveral today after an eighday 3.2 million mile round trip Page 4

Pop star to wed

Elton John, the British pop star, is to marry in Sydney next Tuesday, his publicist said. The bride is Miss Renata Blauel, whom he met in London.

Air black spots

A report prepared for the European Parliament pinpoints the danger spots in European air traffic and indicates the princi-pal causes of accidents Page 4

Three sixes

Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean scored three marks of 6.0 in winning the compulsory section of the ice dance section of the ice dance competition at the Winter Olympics. The men's downhill was postponed through bad Page 31

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Funeral details point to Chernenko as successor

Andropov dies after 15 months in power

Moscow next Tuesday

 The British Government has made clear its desire to continued absence in California continue the process of improving relations with the Eastern • One contender for the succession is Mr Konstantin block and Mrs Margaret Thatcher is being urged to attend Chernenko, the most senior Politburo member, who will

The Soviet Union has been plunged into a fresh succession crisis by the death of President Yuri Andropov, announced yesterday, 15 months of rule, six of them from behind the scenes. He was the fifth Soviet leader, after Lenin, Stalin, Khrushchev

Tass said last night that the funeral would take place in Red Square next Tuesday. Mr Andropov's body will lie in state in the Hall of Columns near Red Square today, tomor-row and on Monday, Mr

Andropov died on Thursday. A medical bulletin signed by the Politburo surgeon, Dr Evgeny Chazov, gave the cause of death as "heart and vascular insufficiency". It said that Mr Andropov had suffered from blood fluctuations and diabetes, complicated by chronic kidney insufficiency, and he had required dialysis treatment from February, 1983 onwards.

Treatment had been initially

effective, allowing Mr Andro-pov to work, but the condition had worsened at the end of last month, with "degenerative changes in internal organs and progressive hypotonia".

The funeral commission will

be headed by Mr Konstantin Chernenko, aged 72, the Politburo member who lost the power struggle to Mr Andropov in 1982 after the death of

This could be a signal that Mr Chernenko, who is the most retary, is to take over, even if only as an interim leader. Mr Andropov heded the funeral commission after Mr Brezhnev's death, the first sign of his ascendancy.

throwback to the Brezhnev era, condition.

offing car and his appointment could be a He was taken to hospital last Marshal

• The death was announced yesterday of President Yuri • The United States intends to press for a resumption of Andropov of the Soviet Union. His funeral will take place in nuclear arms reduction talks. Vice-President Bush has cancelled a tour of Europe because of President Reagan's

organize the funeral (page 4)

By Richard Owen, Our Moscow Correspondent

impact of Mr Andropov's rule, the shortest in Soviet history, would depend on whether Officials repeatedly insisted youthful supporters such as Mr last autumn that Mr Andropov Mikhail Gorbachov or Mr had a "cold" or "chill". Only Grigorii Romanov gained the this week Mr Leonid Zanyutin, upper hand in the 13-man the Kremlin's chief spokesman.

A key role is being played by Marshal Dimitri Ustinov, the leader himself.

The news of President Andro pov's death was read out on the leadership informed the people "with great sorrow" that Mr Andropov, described as "an outstanding leader of the The funeral may be an Communist Party and the occasion for foreign leaders to state", had died at 4.50 pm on assess the new leadership as

Observers said that the returned to his dacha outside Minister had "domestic pre-

When Mr Andropov came to insisted in Helsinki that Mr

Andropov was "recovering". There was initial confusion Desence Minister, who is on Thursday evening when regarded as the Poliburo "king some Soviet radio and telemaker" and may be an interim vision channels broadcast music while others solemn continued to broadcast normal scheduled programmes, includ-Moscow radio and television. ing coverage of the Sarajevo The announcement said that Olympics. There were similar the leadership informed the contradictory signs November, 1982. when

Brezhnev died.

Front runners in the succession America hoping to improve relations Fears of the Eastern block Andropov's shaky legacy Leading article Dollar strengthens in world markets

Thursday afternoon. Moscow

time, after a long illness.
"The name of Yuri Vladimirovich Andropov, a staunch fighter for the ideals of communism and peace, will always remain in the hearts of the Soviet people and all progresssenior Politburo member and ive humanity, the announce-the Central Committee sec-ment said.

There were unconfirmed reports that doctors had attempted a kidney operation this week as Mr Andropov's health deteriorated. He had not been seen since last August, and On the other hand Mr suffered from kidney and heart The first indication that a Secretariat – some of them Chemenko is regarded as a diseases as well as a diabetic leadership crisis was in the during his long illness – and

well as to pay their respects to Mr Andropov.

Diplomats said funeral could be used by Western heads of government to make a fresh start in East-West relations after a year of tension and mutual bitterness over arms control. The Geneva arms talks collapsed last November when Moscow walked out, and none of Mr Andropov's statements since then had suggested a change of

occupations".

On Tuesday Mr Igor Andro-pov, the President's son and a Soviet delegate to the Stockholm disarmament conference, left Sweden for Moscov

power there was a swift transition, with his chief rival, Mr Chernenko, conceding de-feat at a politburo meeting the day after the death of Brechney. It was not clear last night whether any of the leading contenders had achieved a similar position in the latest

power struggle during the six months of Andropov's illness. Mr Chernenko is in relativley good health. The lost key party posts during the Andropov era but still retained his rank as the formal number two in the Politburo, chairing mecetings in Mr Andropov's absence. Candidates for the post of General Secretary must normally be both Politburo members and Central Committee secretaries.

Observers said that if the Politburo wanted to choose a more forward-looking leader 11 would opt for Mr Gorbachov, aged 52, or Mr Romanov, aged 61. Mr Gorbachov appeared to be Mr Andropov's own choice in his final months, although this is not necessarily an advantage. Mr Romanov, the former Leningrad party leader, has powerful supporters but only moved to Moscow to become a Central Committee secretary last June.

Mr Andropov became Party Secretary in November, 1982, but was not elected to the state Presidency until June last year. He made a number of key changes to the Politburo and offing came last Saturday when introduced limited reforms in Ustinov suddenly industrial management, agriculreflection of his formal status rather than political power.

The was taken to nospital tast month cancelled a trip to India. Delhi tural methods and the educational system.



Royal Navy flies 400 out of Beirut

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

With heavily armed Druze tration may then make a formal militiamen and US Marines offer to abrogate the May 17

helicopters. the Druze di By late afternoon almost 400 week's fighting. British subjects and Common-

the Lebanese coast.

standing joint guard at both unofficial peace treaty between ends of the west Beirut seafront Lebanon and Israel. The pact, corniche, hundreds of British which is already regarded as a and American residents of the dead letter by the Israelis, is Muslim sector of the Lebanese bitterly resented by the Muslim capital were evacutated to opposition in Lebanon and the Cyprus yesterday in a fleet of treaty's destruction has been the Royal Navy and US Marine first demand of both Syria and the Druze during the past The Saudi Foreign Minister.

wealth citizens, together with Prince Saud el-Faisal, is also Swedes, Belgians and Germans, expected at the Damascus had been airlifted off the meeting although no word has Corniche by four Sea King been received from Syria that it helicopters, each emblasoned is to take place.

with a large Union Flag, which
made 22 flights between the
road outside the British Emand taxi to the Embassy
bassy and the Royal Fleet through streets that still reAuxiliary Reliant steaming off tained the eerie calm that has prevailed since Tuesday morn-Meanwhile Lebanese governing's shelling, Israeli jets could
ment officials claimed that the
Lebanese and Syrian Foreign
And even as the first Royal Ministers were likely to meet in Navy helicopters were ap-

Damascus today and President proaching the scafront, the Gemayel's broken adminis- Continued on back page, col 8 Continued on back page, col 8

First fall in prices for 14 years

By Frances Williams **Economics Correspondent**

The Government's inflation hopes received an unexpected pre-Budget boost vesterday from news that prices fell by 0.1 per cent last month. It was the first reduction in 14 years to reflect lower prices in the shops rather tower prices in the straight rather than a cut in the mortgage rate. The yearly inflation rate dipped to 5.1 per cent from 5.3 per cent in

The January fall in the retail price index to 342.6 (January 1974=100), was due mainly to price reductions in the sales on clothes, footwear and household goods. While the impact of the sales will fade this month inflation prospects have been helped by the latest petrol price war and by the strong possibility of a cut in the mortgage rate in the spring.

Commenting on the inflation figures, the last to be published before the Budget next month,

Leading companies match Esso cut

Esso's 4p a gallon cut in the price of petrol has been matched by Shell, BP, Mobil and Texaco with Conoco, which owns the Jet chain, making a 5p cut. Four-star petrol is now under 180p a gallon for the first time in almost a year Motorists' gain, page 3

Mr Tom King. Secretary of State for Employment, said they were "a highly encouraging start towards achieving our target of a further fall in inflation this

Last November the Treasury predicted a drop in inflation to 4.5 per cent by the year-end, after peaking at about 5.5 per cent in the spring. Its latest forecast, looking ahead to summer 1985, will be published on Budget day, but James Capel, the stockbroker, said vesterday that 4 per cent inflation by Christmas was on

The cost of living also fell in September and December 1982. but both figures reflected a cut in the mortgage rate. Shop prices have not fallen on average since the summer of

1970. Little upward pressure on inflation is in evidence, despite warnings from industry that more companies may be preparing to raise prices. Relatively few increases are in the pipeline.

Officials at the Department of Employment also point out that a 4p cut in petrol prices would knock 0.1 per cent off inflation while a 1 per cent cut in the mortgage rate wuld cut the cost of living by 0.3 per cent. The Building Societies Association vesterday, agreed not to recommend any immediate rate reduction, but if heavy inflows of savings continue a cut after the Budget is possible.

Thatcher urged to attend funeral

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

improving relations between Britain's initiative was a sus-East and West. tained one.

Although many at Westminster, including some in her own party, were voicing the opinion that a visit would provide the natural opportunity for the Prime Minister to build on the acknowledged success of her try last weekend to Hungary, it was said officially that no decision would be made about representation until more was known about the arrangements being made for the funeral by the Soviet authorities.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, in remarks which echoed the warmer tone of recent British utterances about the Soviet Union, said that he wanted the Soviet leadership to know that the Government remained committed to the search for an improvement in relations between East and West.

He expressed the hope that the new Soviet leader would follow the direction signalled by Mr Andropov in his message on January 24 when he spoke of the benefits of dialogue.

As Mrs Margaret Thatcher high degree of continuity in the was urged by politicians of all Soviet leadership, which was a parties to go to Moscow for collective one, and added that President Andropov's funeral, the death would not be the the Government made clear its cause of increased tension desire to continue with his between East and West. There successor the process of would be no new initiative;

Downing Street, in a short statement, said that Mrs Thatcher learnt of Mr Thatcher Andropov's death with regret, and that his loss would be

widely felt Privately senior ministers were saying that Mr Andropov's death was likely to foreshadow a period of uncertainty in Soviet foreign policy, making it far more unlikely that the Russians

would make any precipitate moves in the Middle East. Mr Denis Healey, Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, said: "Now that President Reagan and Mrs Thatcher have changed their position and said they want to have good relations with Russia they should take immediate advantage and try to get in touch with the new leadership as quickly as

possible. Dr David Owen, the SDP leader and a former Foreign Secretary, said that he hoped both Mr Reagan and Mrs Thatcher would go to the funeral. If Mr Reagan went it The Foreign Secretary spoke, could transform in a BBC radio interview, of the relations, he said.

Washington to seek improved relations

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

The Reagan Administration yesterday made it clear that it intends to make use of the change of leadership in Moscow after the death of President Andropov to press for improved relations with the Soviet Union and a resumption of nuclear arms reduction talks.

It is possible that President Reagan may travel to Moscow for the funeral as a gesture of his desire for better relations. However, Mr George Shaltz, the Secretary of State, said that no decision to attend would be taken until Washington had been notified of the funeral arrangements.

Vice-President George Bush, who was due to leave on a three-nation tour of Europe yesterday, was ordered to remain in Washington because of President Reagan's continued absence in California, where he is on holiday on his ranch. It is likely that Vice-President Bush will represent the United States at the funeral if Mr Reagan does not attend. in a formal reaction to the news of Mr Andropov's death,

Mr Shultz said that the US remained ready for "a construc-tive and realistic dialogue with the Soviet Union. In this nuclear age the United States will work to build a more stable and positive relationship." Mr Shultz said that the US wanted to find solutions to "real problems, not just to East-West

improve the atmosphere of our

relationship. This applies in particular to the task of reaching equitable and verifiable agreements for arms reduction and reducing the risk of war." The US invited the Soviet Union to join it in the search for peace, he went on. There are opportunities at hand. Let us find common ground. Let us make the world a safer place."

The tone of Mr Shuitz's statement was in marked contrast to the strong anti-Soviet rhetoric used by the Reagan Administration, par-ticularly by the President himself, during much of the past three years.

Because of Mr Andropov's prolonged illness, his death did not come as a surprise. Answering questions from journalists Mr Shultz said that President Reagan would be prepared to attend a summit meeting with the new Soviet leader so long as such a meeting had a good chance of producing substantive results. Prsident Reagan was awakened with the news of Mr Andropov's death in the middle of the night. White House aides said that the President. who has already come under fire for not returning to Washington to deal with the crisis in Lebanon, had no plans to curtail his holiday because of Mr Andro-pov's death.

Cheysson

breaks

embargo

M Claude Cheysson, the French Foreign Minister, was the first to tell the world of

President Andropov's death

when he unwittingly broke an

embargo on release of the news

imposed by the Kremlin on

In Brussels yesterday to attend a meeting between the

European Economic Com-munity and the 64 other Lome

Convention countries, M

Cheysson was asked by a

journalist what his reactions

were to stories about the Soviet

wrongly that the embargo had

aircady been broken, told the

believing

Cheysson,

world governments.

leader's death.

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Off-course IRA rocket hits school

From Richard Ford

Belfast Twelve schoolboys escaped death yesterday when a Provisional IRA rocket missed its army target and smashed into their classroom.

with their teacher at St Aidan's Roman Catholic Primary School in Whiterock, West Belfast, when the Russian-made RPG7 rocket blasted through the blackboard and hit a wall. None of the terrified children was injured but they and their teacher. Miss Alacoque Logan, were treated for severe shock.

Brother Paul Dunleavy, the headmaster, said: "It is a miracle none of the children was hit. I am horrified that this has happened. It is a terrible thing when a school classroom with children is hit like this." Miss Logan said: "Staff are angry that these people can

an armoured car after a gang had held a family hostage overnight in a house near by. Politicians urged Mr Gerry Adams. Provisional Sinn Fein MP for Belfast West, to condemn the action of his party's military wing Miss Mary McMahon, a Worker's Party councillor, said: "These men are engaged in acts like this for political propaganda and if

The bungled attack is certain to be privately criticized by leading members of Provisional Sinn Fein as it risked innocent lives in a strongly nationalist area of Belfast. The Provisional IRA admit-

innocent people get hurt they

write them off as casualties of

ted that four volunteers had carried out the attack and said it would hold an investigation. Last night detectives were questioning several men.



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Confusion in Olympic village

Yogoslav flags at the Olympic village were lowered to half mast yesterday to mark the death of President Andropov, but the Winter Olympic Games will not be cancelled.

Soviet athletes were reluctant to comment when approached by Western reporters and most expressed disbelief that Mr Andropov had died. A speed skater, Sergei

Berezin, from Gorkiy said "They haven't informed us". Tamara Moskvina, 2 Soviet figure skating coach, was told about Mr Andropov's death by a reporter.

Asked if it could affect the Soviet competitors' performances, she said: "For me it's such unexpected news that I can't tell you now. I just can't find the words, because it's so



Brittan is considering community service for fine defaulters

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

New penalties are being considered by Mr Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, to reduce one of the biggest burdens on the prison service: fine defaulters. About 25,000, or a quarter, of

receptions into prison a year are That would not be possible their fines, though the time they spend inside is short and the number of them there at any one time is small.

Mr Brittan said in Liverpool yesterday that he was considering whether courts should be given the power to award community service to fine defaulters as a substitute for the unpaid amount.

That would overcome expected difficulties that have munity service for defaulters.

Shah and

NGA in

Under the present power, in the Criminal Justice Act, 1972, to deal more appropriately with but never brought into force, people ordered to do community service could by paying the fine, "buy themselves out" of offenders who do not pay under the new measures the studying schemes to use cau-Home Secretary has in mind.

Mr Brittan, who was addressing Liverpool City Bench, said that faster follow-up action against defaulters might encourage them to pay. Imprisonment should be used only as a last

in mind as part of the wider aim of keeping people out of prison waving crowd were from the who do not need to be there as a Free Dennis Kelly Campaign. deterred the introduction of the counterbalance to ensuring that Kelly was convicted of murder those who do serve sentences last year. His supporters say he

to deal more appropriately with drunks. He has found drawbacks in Birmingham's experi-mental "wet shelters" to which police can take drunks instead of charging them. He is instead

 Mr Brittan yesterday opened
 a £750,000 Liverpool police station which was completed four months ahead of schedule (the Press Association reports).

He had to face a demon-Fine defaulters are one of the stration by about 30 people targets the Home Secretary has outside the red brick building Most of the chanting, banner-

new fight
Mr Eddie Shah, owner of the Messenger newspaper group, and the National Graphical Association are set for a new High Court battle over the company's claim for £75,000 damages. Mr Shah, whose printing-

works in Warrington were besieged by secondary pickets last year, claims he incurred the losses during the dispute. Both sides attended a private

hearing at Warrington High Court where Mr Shah was asking for a summary judgment which would mean that the union would not be able to present its case. But Mr John Shaw, the district registrar, ruled that the NGA could give evidence in its defence.

● Employers covering 100,000 printworkers outside the newspaper industry vesterday de-manded a deal over new technology before agreeing to a

• An agreement has been reached allowing the magazine Motorcycling Weekly back on the bookstalls, the National Graphical Association said

Court releases **UDA** leaders

Two leaders of the paramilitary Ulster Defence Association were released by Belfast Magistrates' Court yesterday after an informer. Stanley Smith, with-drew his allegations against them and seven other men.

Andrew Tyre, aged 40, its supreme commander, and John McMichael, aged 35, head of the UDA's political wing, had been accused of possessing firearms and withholding infor-

Water challenge

Mr Dafydd Wigley, the president of Plaid Cymru, was vesterday given leave to chal-lenge water charges in Wales, in a campaign which maintains that Welsh water rates are subsidising cheap water English towns and cities.

Belfast shuttle

Competition over British Airways' London to Belfast Traffic growth across the Traffic growth across the Severn has, however, been far shuttle flights will go ahead after the Government rejected the airline's appeal against a pro-posed rival service by British traffic and structural strength.

It is emphasized that the little traffic. Midland Airways. of the kind noticed in the Severn Bridge has emerged, or

Correction

in the libel action against the News of the World Mr Justice Comyn advised the jury to award exemplary damages "if and only if" they damages "if, and only if' they considered that the newspaper knew the allegations to be untrue. He did not say, as reported yesterday, that the newspaper knew they were

Shipbuilders' deal fails to rally yards

None of British Shipbuilders'

60,000 workforce, expected the deal to be ratified at mass meetings, but none could claim a clearcut agreement

and Yarrow on the Clyde, with £100. more than 5,500, have rejected the deal. The 4,600 workforce at Vosper Thorneycroft, which mean considerable changes in working practices.

week on offer, when they are eventually privatized.

within the main yards which the yard. It was still confident and oil rigs and which will stay within the state company.

Most of the 3,500 workers at Sit-in threat

Cammel Laird at Birkenhead have rejected the package, but others, believed to be mainly white-collar workers, have accepted it. The result puts a question mark over the future of the yard. A £125m order for a production platform for Sun Oil of the US, is crucial to its prospects but has yet to be confirmed.

At Swan Hunter on the Tyne, with a total workforce of 7,300, and Govan on the Clyde, with have yet to be held, but in each case management is hopeful.

A review of all long-span

the Severn Bridge, for which

was announced by Mr Nicholas

Ridley, Secretary of State for

The bridges are longer than

60 to 75 metres and include, the

Humber, Medway, Avons-

mouth, Forth, Tamar, Wye,

Newport, Erskine, and Kessook

in order of priority according to

review not imply that weakness

is even suspected, elsewhere.

A review of big bridges was last carried out in 1972-73 by

the Merrison committee after

the failure of box-girder bridges in Milford Haven and Mel-

borne. As a result many bridges

of that type were strengthened.

Transport, this week.

bridges is to be carried out confined to box girder types -

because of structual failures in Forth, Humber, Wye and

remedial action costing £33m long-span bridges of all types.

several years, will be carried out greater than on any other.

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

At Swan the meetings are to six main yards had won the full be completed by Tuesday and at agreement of its workforce for Govan the boilermakers, who the introduction of the state company's radical productivity affected by the productivity package by yesterday's deadline.

Some of the yards, which represent more than half the Reitish Shiphuilder and in

British Shipbuilders said it was difficult to comment on the situation because the picture was not clear. But there is a a clearcut agreement.

Manual workers at naval yards. Vickers at Barrow in furness with 12,500 employees, back pay from November 1 of

mean considerable Union leaders at the yards, officials on the ve of a which build warships, believe threatened all-out strike in thay can win more than the £7 a January.

Trafalgar House said last More disappointing for British Shipbuilders was the inat Scott Lithgow on Wednesday night that senior executives ability to arrive at agreements to discuss its future plans for

Workers at Scott Lithgow on the Clyde yesterday threatened to occupy the shipyard if a takeover deal was signed without their approval.

More than 3,000 walked out on Thursday in protest at the announcement of the "pro-visional sale" of the yard to the property group, Trafalgar

and Govan on the Clyde, with decided they would occupy the half been have to be held been to be a second or second o reached over its future by February 29.

Avonmouth - but will include

it is being conducted in the

light of two factors: that lorry

traffic has been much heavier

than predicted in the 1960s and

1970s when many long-span

bridges were built: and that

strength criteria have been

The longest bridge, across the

Humber, has embarrassingly

It is the two-and-a-half times

extra growth in heavy traffic

that has been primarily respon-

sibly for projected work on the

Severn. Its main features are:

Strengthening of twin towers

from which the main cables are

suspended. Without such work

there is a remote possibility that

the towers could collapse. To

increase safety margins add-

tightened in the past two years.

The new review will not be itional steel columns are to be



yesterday at sea with a friend he had not seen since his wedding day.

The Prince patrolled around Liverpool Bay on board the mine countermeasures vessel HMS Walkerton, getting experience

of life in the fishery protection squadron. But much of his trip was spent renewing a friendship with the ship's captain, Lieuten-ant-Commander James Rapp, who was navigating officer in HMS Bronington when the Prince was in command in 1976-77.

Envoy case men lose costs plea

The police are entitled to hold people "helping them with inquiries" for up to 60 hours or even longer without charging them "in wholly exceptional circumstances", two High Court judges in London ruled yester-

day. For that reason, the judges dismissed an application for legal costs made by the Kashmir Liberation Front in connexion with the case of two of their officials held by West Midlands police investigating the murder of Mr Ravindra Mhatre. the Indian diplomat in Birming-

Hashim Querashi, national chairman of the front in Pakistani Kashmir, and Mr Aman Uhlla Khan, national president of the front in Britain were released at 1pm on Wednesday after action was taken to free them through writs of habcas corpus in the High

Both men had been arrested at midday on Sunday Birmingham

joined passengers on a city bus last night in an attempt to trace last movements of Mr Mhatre shortly before he was kidnapped and murdered a Office and leaders of the week ago (Craig Seton writes). Long-span bridges for review

placed inside the towers, then

sensitve nature, will require

complete closure of the bridge

for up to 48 hours, but the work

is expected to be spread to

Strengthening of bridge decks.

primarily by welding additional

steel on the inside of the 10ft-

deep deck. Without it the

structure could give way under

Renewal of hangers, wires

providing stiffening and stab-

ility to the bridge by connecting

the deck to main suspension

cable. The present wires are

suffering from fatigue and

Strenghtening of spray saddle

(rocker box) which holds the

ends of the main cable. The

saddles are thought to have an insufficient safety margin.

Extra ballast around feet of

bridge, to anchor more firmly

minimize disruption.

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acked up to take the strain.

Powell's 'proof' of hunger strike deal

document which he says "illus- progress. trates" negotiations to end the 1981 hunger strike in Belfast's Maze prison between the Northern Ireland authorities and Brendan McFarlane, who was later to lead the mass IRA important. That meeting could

breakout last September. He was handed the document, marked confidential and which he describes as deriving from prison records, at the end of Thursday's debate on the Maze escape during which he said that successive hunger strikes had been "bought off".

That claim was denied by Mr Nicholas Scott, Under-Secretary at the Northern Ireland Office. The document reads as if it is a log of dealings between May and October 1981, when the last hunger strike ended, involving the hunger strikers. McFarlane,

a Northern Ireland Office official (Mr C. Jackson), and various intermediaries.

Mr Powell told The Times. that Mr Scott had contradicted him when he said the strikes were ended on terms negotiated between the Northern Ireland

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By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

Mr Enoch Powell, Official Dublin. Yet here was the Ulster Unionist MP for Down timetable of McFarlane and South, has given The Times a here was the negotiation in Mr Powell said the chronology in relation to the meeting in November 1981 between Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Dr Garret FitzGerald, Prime Min-ister of the Irish Republic, was

> not have been set up if the hunger strike was still going on. The text of the document begins: 4.5.81 Father Murphy visited McFarlane in an attempt to end hunger strike. The answer was

4.7.81 McFarlane to prison hospital to see hunger strikers. 5.7.81 Irish Commission visited

all hunger strikers in prison hospital and McFarlane Mr Powell said in the debate: "There was the initial hunger strike at the end of 1980 and the major hunger strike which occupied the greater part fo 1981. Both 1981. Both protests . . . were bought off. Both these were brought to a conclusion by

an agreement.
"But they were not an operation on their own . . they had a direct relationship with two political events.

Communist | Liberals are old guard fears party purge

playing on

anti-Benn

feeling

From Anthony Bevins Political Correspondent

Chesterfield

launched a highly personal campaign against Mr Tony

Benn to try to woo Conserva-

tive and moderate Labour

voters at the by-election on

Mr Max Payne, the Libera.

/Alliance candidate, has told

potential Tory voters that if they support Mr Nicholas

Bourne, the Conservative can-didate, then "Chesterfield will

In a quick canvass in the north of the constituency yesterday. Mr Payne told voters' "We have overtaken the

It has become standard

practice for the Alliance to

suggest that by-elections have

become two-horse races and

that voters should tactically

reputation might jeopardize . Labour's majority of 15.6 per ...

switch away from a "no-hoper Nevertheless, there are indications that Mr Benn's left-wing

cent of votes cast last June.

A Central Television poll, published on Thursday, gave Labour 46 per cent, Alliance 29 per cent, and Conservatives 23

per cent.
The Liberal said yesterday that a BBC Newsnight poll had given Labour 42 per cent Liberal/Alliance 32 per cent and

Conservatives 26 per cent. An NOPsurvey published in

the Daily Mail yesterday gave

Labour 47 per cent, Conserva-tives 27 per cent, and Liberal/Alliance 25 per cent, Mr Benn and Mr Payne attended a CND meeting last

night. Mr Payne, who is opposed to unilateral nuclear disarmament, said that he did

not support deployment of

cruise missiles without dual key

become Benn-land".

Conservatives".

March 1.

Chesterfield Liberals have

By Rupert Morris

An unprecedented purge within the British Communist Party was signalled yesterday in a statement from the executive. The executive has accused the management committee of the People's Press Printing Society, the cooperative that owns the Morning Star -Britain's only Communist daily

party and the paper" The accusation is based on the society's refusal to observe an executive recommendaton to replace the Morning Star editor, Mr Tony Chater, and his deputy, Mr David Whitfield.

newspaper - of "repudiating the special relationship between the

Yesterday's statement means that although the newly dominant Eurocommunist leadership has been putting pressure on the editor for some months, it is now attacking long-serving Communists in the society, including influential trade

The statement accuses the society of "reversing its position" by refusing to discuss editorial appointments with the party executive, and of deliberately distancing the newspaper from the party.

Supporters of the editor. ranging from hard-line Stalinists to left-wingers suspicious of the party's apparent move away from Moscow, suspect that the leadership is preparing for disciplinary moves against leading Communists within the society.

The party's general secretary is Mr Gordon MacLennan, but its most influential figures are probably Mr George Matthews, a former Morning Star editor, and Mr Martin Jacques, editor of Marxism Today, a theoreti-cal journal which has increased its readers by giving space to wider debate on the left.

Pit pickets denounce Scargill

Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' leader, yesterday faced demonstrators from his own union protesting about the 14week-old overtime ban. Surfaceworkers at Rawdon

Colliery, south Derbyshire, stopped work as he visited the pit to discuss the National Union of Mineworkers' campaign against the 5.2 per cent offer and pit closures. The 50 men formed a picket

line at the colliery's main entrance and held aloft a banner saying: "Stop bending the rules, Scargill, let's have a ballot". Mg Scargill told them that the

TOWERS-

columns and

£1.6m

overtime ban had not been ordered by him but by a democraticity convened convened national delegates' meeting.

MPs likely to criticize GCHQ ban

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter
The Government could be

seriously embarrassed by the publication of a report by an allparty Commons committee that appears likely to criticize its handling of the ban on trade union membership at the Cheltenham communications headquarters. Conservative members of the

Select Committee on Employment accept that they are probably powerless to prevent broadly critical majority con-clusions emerging because of the fierce opposition to the ban of the senior Tory, Mr John Gorst MP for Hendon North, who resigned on Thursday as their unofficial leader in protes at what he called excessive interference by the whips.

The committee, which has six Tory members and five Labour, including the chairman, Mr Ronald Leighton MP for Newham North-cast meets on Tuesday to draw up its reports, which it hopes to publish on Wednesday.

The drafting will be based on a chairman's draft report, drawn up by Mr Leighton in cooperation with the clerks, taking account of the views expressed by individual MPs during and since the inquiry. Conservative members expect it to oppose the Government's line. Of the five other Tories, four

were first elected in June. Their problem is that although they may wish to back the Government, they are without a leader to coordinate their response and draw up amendments.

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Financial protection of air travellers

COMMONS

The Government is setting up a special review of arrangements for financial protection of those In Car who travel by air on holiday and the review will extend to those who travel on scheduled air services, Mr David Mitchell, Under Secretary of State for Transport, announced in the Commons adjournment debate. He said the Department of

Cha He said the Department or Antiquary Transport had not yet selected a chairman for the inquiry but was chairman for the inquiry but was considering suntably qualified people. He expected the review to be completed speedily.

The matter was raised by Mr Richard Donglas (Dunfermline, West, Lab) who urged segreation of the financial affairs of any licensed holiday operator within a group of companies and that money paid for holiday purposes should not be used to finance, for example, engineering (FOR enterprises in the same group. o Mr Mitchell said that the recent

annual report of the Air Travel Reserve Fund Agency had perhaps cast a cloud over the travel trade. He hoped to set the fears of

Bonds were usually sufficient to meet all claims arising from the meet all claims arising from the failure of a holiday company. The present level of the reserve fund was £16m - more than twice it had to pay out as a result of a failure. It would not be sensible to review

fund without considering licensing requirements and the bonding levels which together formed an integral system.

The inquiry would consider whether the fund needed to be increased in size or whether it should stand but needed added

protection, perhaps by tighter licensing and bonding requirements, or whether an entirely different set of arrangements might serve the holidaymaker just as well. The Government would also like the review to consider whether, if the fund was to continue, it should also apply to scheduled air services. It was not an idea to which the Government instinctively warmed as the private sector already seemed

capable of antitung protection to such travellers. However, there was no logical reason why those who bought air package holidays should be in a more privileged position than others travelling by air. We must be sure that some arrangements exist (he said) whereby holidaymakers can be certain their coposits are safe.

capable of affording protection to

Tax credits scheme expensive

SOCIAL SERVICES

Advocates of a tax credit system must acknowledge, Mr Anthony Newton, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, said in the Commons, that any scheme that would not entail heavy losses that would not entait neavy losses for some would be very expensive to introduce. For the time being it would be easier to find simplifi-cation by looking at particular parts

of the system.

He said one reason why the DHSS should not run away from attempting to make some contribution to the curtailment of public expenditure was because the size of its budget was such that unless it made a contribution the chances of raising tax thresholds, the most practical way of solving many problems, would be much reduced.

Opening a debate on future the tax base to support it had been revision of welfare services and persistently croded to build up the provision of welfare services and benefits. Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith Wealden, C) said that if something were not done to meet something were not done to meet the rapid growth in social services it would not be the dismanding of the welfare state that would be discussed but how soon it would go into liquidation.

Mr Peter Hordern (Horsham, C)

Let us hear no more about a crisis of welfare state funding (he said) because if all so-called fringe benefits were properly taxed as they should be, there would be no need to hit pensioners or low-income families by chopping £200m off

said that a tax credit scheme would cost more but money could be found by taxing investment in investment funds. He hoped the coming green paper interest in credit tax. Mr Michael Meacher, the Opposition spokesman on health and social security, said if there was a crisis in the financing of the welfare state, it was not because the level of



Thurham: Nation returning to sound money

benefits was too high but because alternative welfare state largely concentrated on the rich.

Let us hear no more about a crisis

housing benefit; no need to tax the unemployed or sickness benefit; no need to abolish earnings related unemployment benefit which workers have earned and no need for all the other punitive measures against the poor to which the Government has resorted in the name of public expenditure saving because they say the nation could not afford them, Mr Peter Thumbam (Bolton, North-East, C) said the problem was how to achieve a higher rate of

how to achieve a higher rate of economic growth. After 20 years of fiscal stimulation which had failed to produce the needed growth, he was pleased that the nation had returned to sound money policies.

He hoped that the Chancellor would take the opportunity to simplify the tax structure. He suggested a flat rate of 10 per cent suggested a flat rate of 10 per cent VAT on all goods and services rather than charging it, for example, on chocolate biscuits and not on cream cakes. Mr Antony Newton, replying, said the welfare state had not been

formed perfect and whole. If some Labour MPs were to take it over it might soon be in the same state as the shipbuilding industry which refused to face up to modern problems and the need to change. There had been a huge improve-ment in general health standards in Britain. The extent to which the social needs was met would depend on the extent to which the economy produced the goods, the resources Planning must take account of the availability of resources. Promises

made without regard to this were not worth making at all.

Government interference was not

planned hotation of the news agency.

All too easily, said Lord Lyell, Government interference could endanger the very independence and integrity which it was sought to preserve. With the record of Reuters behind them, the board and trustees were entitled to be believed when

it was not for the Government to the necessary decisions, Lord Lucas of Chilworth, a Government spokesman, said during a debate in report by the chairman of the Advisory Council for Applied Science and Development and the Advisory Board for the Research

Wrong for Government to intervene they said their purposes was to serve always been carried out. There was the objectives set down in 1941. The future could never be certain.

REUTERS

the way to preserve the integrity of Reuters, Lord Lyell, the Govern-Reuters, Lord Lyell, the Govern-ment spokesman, said in the House of Lords in responding to a demand by Lord Grimond (L) that there should be in inquiry into the planned flotation of the news

The future could never be certain, but the history of Reuters endorsed the view that independence from Government should not be jeopardized. Safeguards for Reuters lay in the professionalism of the agency itself, its staff and their concern for its reputation and reliability. These were things no Government could guarantee. Lord Grimond (L) said he did not

Extra strengthening to Wye Bridge and

viaducts, 1 mile to west, and to Aust Via

at eastern and of Severn Bridge £2.8m

Lord Grimond (L) said he did not suffer from the general feeling of paranola about press barons. There were no doubt good and bad ones. There was considerable interest about the freedom of the press as commercial paraners. commercial property. The assurances of some press barons had not

some suspicion about them.

We can only hope (be said) they take note of the public anxiety and the general view that Reuters cannot be dealt with purely on commercial grounds

Lord Lyell said there had been romment on the proposed floation in the media and elsewhere recently but the Government believed some of this had been premature.

Reuters was not important for its news gathering alone. It had a long history of providing financial and other information to private subscribers. The management had had to consider its future financing needs. The debate concluded.

Seeking more cash for applied science

RESEARCH

devise a plan for industry and technology; only firms could take the House of Lords on the joint

and day-to-day information about Joseph) had written to the chairman

the marketplace said the minister. Their future survival depended on their getting the decisions right. Where the Government could help was in its support to the key technologies on which the future of industry would be based.

The Government had protected the science budget and had responded to parteular needs and problems facing scientific research and development would automati-cally be solved by the provision of

more public funds. dvisory Board for the Research ouncils.

The Secretary of State for Education and Science (Sir Keith

of the University Grants Committee asking the committe to consider what measures could be taken to increase the resources devoted to fundamental and applied science. The UGC were consulting the

universities and following their replies the UGC would give consideration to the recommen-Lord Sherfield (C), who opened the

debate, said there was a clear message in the joint report on the need to concentrate much more attention on the selective exploiresearch which available both at home and abroad.

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Motorist to reap benefit of petrol 'war' with price cuts and free gifts

from Monday morning as the oil companies follow Esso in reducing prices and Shell in launching marketing campaigns followed with similar price cuts to win customer loyalty.

All the big oil companies, Shell, BP, Texaco and Mobil. have followed Esso by reducing pump prices for four-star by 4p a gallon. Conoco. which operates the Jet chain, has cut prices

by 5p a gallon.
Shell will lauch a "Make-Money" campaign which offers a total of £2m in prize money. Motorists can win up to £10,000 by matching halves of imitation

News of the campaign led to Esso, the largest petrol retailer, culting its prices. Shell has now followed the Esso price cut. Other companies have mar-

keting campaigns ready to launch. Mobil is about to offer its customers tokens on each purchase which will be redeem-

Motorists will find a full-scale able on any item on sale at its price war at the petrol pumps forecourts - "from petrol and companies have been attemptoil to chocolate bars and garden ing to increase forecourt sales

The fact that we have all means we are back to square one. The motorist will benefit but there is a danger that the Chancellor will now feel that he has more scope for petrol duty increases than the 8p that had

crease prices last spring and was promotions, with drivers being forced to retreat when the other offered items such as glasses

increased margins for some market research. months but the petrol companies have argued that this has profit has been made by the oil companies from sales at the brellas which we could give pumps.

brellas which we could give away with every tankful sold."

For that reason all the volume and return to the days of the early 1970s when marketing campaigns led to a degree of brand loyalty.

The companies have been developing their sites to make them more attractive to motorists and to offer a wider range of goods on sale.

been anticipated" one oil goods on sale.

company official said. The new price cuts will also

Since BP aucmpted to in- lead to a return of free-gift petrol companies undercut it, and pottery mugs with their four-star petrol has remained at an average of 183.7p a gallon.

have been the motorists' Petrol station operators have favourite gifts, according to

One oil company spokesman been at their cost, with dealers said yesterday. "A wet spring being subsidized, and that little could help our sales. We have a warehouse full of folding um-

Publicans to

office Bil

By Rupert Morris

that would allow betting offices

to install televisions and soft

The Bill, introduced by Sir

Ian Gilmour, Conservative MP

for Amersham, and due for

debate on March 23, is supported by the Home Office,

But publicans fear that on

Saturday afternoons in particu-

lar they will lose trade from

bet, returning to the public house to drink and watch the

Mr David Carter, national

secretary of the National As-

sociation of Licensed House

Managers, said: "We are con-

cerned that our members will

lose trade if this Bill becomes

law. We also think this could be

the first step towards betting

offices applying for licences to

sell liquor and we have sought

several MPs' support on this

MPs could block the Bill at

the committee stage, but the

most serious obstacle to its

passage is probably the Com-

The bookmakers, who are

intensifying their campaign for

the Bill, argue that the level of

Office Licensees' Association to

the 1981 tax increase. That, it

says, resulted in off-course

gamblers and resulting in a reduction in the Exchequer's

Sir Ian Gilmour said he

arise purely from vested interest

and that no group of MPs

Replica revolver

found in jail

attempted escape.

Several inmates at Winson

in a lavatory cistern in the

timetable.

out of business.

racing on television.

customers who leave to place a

bookmakers and gamblers.

drinks machines.

Publicans are campaigning to



Man and 5 children

yesterday in a fire that destroyed the interior of their council house. Neighbours trying to rescue them from the blazing house at Tonyrefail. Mid Glamorgan, were beaten

The six who died were Mr Kevin Fisher, aged 26, and his stepchildren, Yvonne, aged 20, Denise, aged 13, Amanda, aged

Yvonne fell back inside an upstairs room after screaming for help to save the young children. She could have saved herself, but apparently returned in an attempt to rescue the children.

Mrs Lynda Fisher, aged 39, and her son, Craig, aged 10, were persuaded by neighbours to jump from a bedroom window. Last night Mrs Fisher, who has been married five times, was said to be in severe shock in hospital and Craig's condition was described as fair.

both her parents, and her daughter. Natasha, born as a triplet at the same time as

Mr Kenneth Parsons, a parttime fireman, had been alerted by his bleeper and ran out to discover the fire was in his own street. With Mr Wayne Mur-phy he broke the fall of Mrs Fisher and Craig, and tried to put a ladder up to a bedrooms window but failed because of

Two teenage neighbours, Diane Owen, aged 18, and her sister, Lisa, broke down the back door before being driven

Mr Tom Bailey, a senior divisional fire officer, said: The two youngest died in their beds, probably without know-ing anything about the blaze". A fund has been launched for

Mr Anthony Curzon for the defence, said the section of the

urgently required. He said:
"The whole structure of this

Georgian building was in dire

straits. Parnell had seen the

brickwork falling off and a gable



Marumac Crystal, an Irish Wolfhound, at Crufts yesterday with its owner, Miss Mary McBryde, from Trowbridge, Wiltshire (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

'Therapist' dogs to befriend the lonely

At the opening of Cruits Dog Show at Earls Court yesterday a charitable scheme was launched to demonstrate that a dog can be more than merely decorative (Tony Samstag

Drawing from medical research in the United States. PRO Dogs, an animal welfare charity based near Maidstone. Kent, has organized a visiting service designed "to bring happiness and fun into the lives of the elderly, the handicapped and children in residential

Such "pet therapy" is being taken increasingly seriously

because there is evidence that the isolated and ill benefit from regular association with animals. A scientific symposium on the subject was held in

Vienna last year. PRO Dogs has already accepted more than 100 dogs of all breeds for what it calls its "PAT" (Pro Dogs Active Therapy) scheme.

The only requirement is that the animal must pass a temperament test to establish that it can cope with much friendly attention. The owners, presumably, are expected to be

affable too. Elderly people who have to their own homes are especially responsive to the visits, PRO Dogs said from its stand on the ground floor of the Earl's Court

Elsewhere in the stadium a cheque for £1,800 was accepted by Prince Michael of Kent, courtesy of Flax, a labrador has its own bank

Flax belongs to Commander and Mrs David Ramsey of Chichester, West Sussex, who raised the money by door-todoor collections for the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf charity.

BBC-ITV satellite scheme dismays advertising agencies

are starting to view the prospect of a joint ITV-BBC satellite television service with dismay.

As talks continue on forming a partnership to resurrect the satellite scheme which the BBC postponed because of its cost, the institute of Practitioners in Advertising (PA) has given a warning of grave risks of "the public broadcasting 'duopoly' being given a stranglehold on DBS" (Direct Broadcast by Satellite).

The body, which represents advertising agencies, said yes-terday. If this happens, we are concerned that the vested interests of the current ITV contractors will stifle the imaginative development of DBS, to the detriment of the emergent DBS and cable industry, as well as the viewing public.

The move has also caused concern among cinema groups which fear that the Government may offer a guarantee of no competition to the BBC-ITV partnership as an incentive to launch the £35m project. Such a guarantee would

extend into satellite broadcasting the closed market that the BBC and ITV companies have in buying feature films for showing on television. The cinema companies believe that the closed market keeps their

The IPA has suggested that the satellite contracts should be

Advertisers and film-makers vision companies which, it says, have enjoyed a privileged

position for many years. "To give them a major commercial stake in DBS would place in their hands a control over media which would enable them to determine for themselves the course of the future development of public broadcast services, the choice of priorities in allocating resourccs. who should be invited to participate, and what price the adveriser should be made to

Such a development would seriously undermine invest-ment in cable, indeed it would indirectly give the Independent Television Contractors' Association (ITCA) companies control over UK cable. The substantial investment which the Government seeks from private investors in cable will be placed at

"Those who invest in the development of new pro-grammes for cable would see come spreading of the risks involved if DBS channels offered a potential outlet for their programmes." That was more likely to be the case if the operation of DBS channels was to be open to market tender rather than kept for the benefit of the ITCA.

The number of jobs created by the emergent communi-cations will largely depend on the Government's commitment to encourage innovation and put out to open tender, and has competition, the advertising castigated the commercial tele-

Women could soon share top civil servant's jobs

senior civil servants may soon be working part-time or sharing their jobs with women under a government equal opportunities cheme.

Lord Gowrie, Minister of State for the Civil Service, has packed a plan to extend parttime working opportunities and to look at job-sharing schemes. Such experiments should not be confined to the lower Whitehall grades where most of the staff are women, he says, but should be encouraged at all levels.

That could include the ighest ranks, such as permanent secretaries who are all men, Mrs Jean Thomason. deputy general secretary of the ouncil of Civil Service Unions (CCSU), said vesterday. "It may be easier for a

Some of Whitehall's most parliamentary secretary to be part-time than a clerical officer", she said.

The Government's plans comes in the wake of a report entitled Equal Opportunites for Women in the Civil Service, produced after a two-year study by Civil Service unions and management, which produced 73 recommendations.

We want to achieve equality for women in the Civil Service through job opportunity and quality of treatment". Mrs

Thomason said.
"The fundamental point that has come across very strongly is that the main reason why women fare less well than men because they break their careers to have and care for children and to look after

Sunday Times

Business

da, all killed; and Craig, who survived. Railway death

£1,000 fine for demolition

Keith Parnell, a builder who prosecution, said: "There was

demolished a listed Georgian nothing about the building building without permission which suggested it was in need of demolition. Parnell admits

£1,000 and ordered to pay £450 that he did not carry out a full

Parnell, aged 39, whose business is in Elsing Street. Act permitted demolition if Fenton. Stoke, bulldozed the urgently required. He said:

costs by magistrates in Stoke on inspection of the premises."

Fire victims (from top): Yvonne, Denise, and Aman-

train on a level crossing

Mr Horace Alden, aged 63, of Creighton Avenue. St Albans.

Hertfordshire, whose total deafness made him unaware of a warning horn, was killed on

Thursday after being hit by a

die in fire From Tim Jones, Cardiff Six members of a family, including two young twins, died

back by intense heat.

Damien, aged two and a half.

Last year Mrs Fisher lost

Mrs Fisher.

Death pact betting tax has led to an increase in illegal gambling with some publicans taking bets over of shipping the bar, and put bookmakers A 5 per cent drop in betting firm chief office licences granted last year compared with the previous year is attributed by the Betting

Sir John Fisher, a shipping firm chief, and his wife Maria took their own lives because they could not face life without each other, a coroner at Barrowin-Furness, Cumbria, decided

gamblers having to pay an extra 10 per cent on all bets, deterring vesterday. Sir John, aged 91, and his wife, Lady Fisher, aged 78, a former Austrian opera singer, were found dead in her bedroom at their home at hoped that the licensed trade's objections would be seen to Newby Bridge, near Windemere on November 7.

Mr Wesley Ellison, the would mount a sustained campaign against the Bill.

Furness coroner, told the inquest that it was clear from wo notes left that the couple had intended to kill themselves. He said Lady Fisher had suffered pain she could no longer endure since breaking a femur and the "relationship between Sir John and his wife was such that neither wished to live without the other". They died from a drugs and alcohol

were interviewed yesterday after the discovery of a replica .357 revolver which the police overdose. believed was to be used in an Sir John was president of the The replica capable of firing James Fisher & Son. During the blanks, was wrapped in plastic war he took a prominent role in organizing the armada of little visitors' section. It is assumed ships that rescued British troops to have been left there by a from Dunkirk. The couple left a

GLC may have own film censor

By Our Arts Correspondent The Greater London Council may set up its own film censorship board if the British Board of Film Censors does not

tighten its restrictions on violence and sex. A council report, compiled after interviews with more than 20 women's groups, unions, film producers, and anti-pornography groups, says that most bited to violence and mugging, perpetuated racial stereotypes, and portrayed women in a

degrading role.

The council member who chaired the all-party committee. Mr Ken Little, said yesterday: "It is clear to us that people across the whole social spec-trum are concerned about the

"Violence is by far the most important aspect. The feeling was that violent films must contribute to violence on the

effect some films have.

streets", he said. The council has censorship powers over films shown in Greater London, but in practice it allows films to be shown that have a national censors' certifi-

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Mr Simon Tonking, for the caving in." **Inquiry** into mansion raffle

building but denied the charge

of demolition, using a section of

the Town and Country Plan-

ning Act as his defence.

Mr Barney Curley, the professional gambler who raf-iled his Irish mansion in a £1.5m lottery, was preparing last night for a legal battle to

stay out of jail. Dublin police said the draw on Thursday at the house which stands in 377 acres near Muliingar, co Westmeath, was still under investigation by detectives. A report will be sent to the Director of Public

Prosecutions. Mr Curley said that everything about the draw for which almost 9,000 tickets were sold at un average £175 each, was

above board. "I have had the very best legal advice and I am satisfied the lottery was within the requirements of the law", he said at the house. Middleton Park where he will be staying until June when it will be

handed to the new owners. Mr Curley said he had complied with the law when ticket holders automatically became members of the local

Trinity's top man is sought in whispers

. The gossip mills of Cam-bridge and Whitehall are beginning to turn on who will be the occupant of the Master's Lodge in Trinity College, Cambridge, once Sir Alan Hodgkin, Nobel prizewinner and eminent scientist, has retired in the summer.

Great efforts will be made to keep the selection process decorous. After all, it is a royal appointment and the Palace is involved. Should it become raucous, steps will be taken to keep the fact from the public.

The mysterious Mr John Catford, appointments secretary at No 10, who was educated next door to Trinity at St John's, has yet to meet in secret conclave for the last time with the senior fellows of Trinity when names of the good and the great will be passed round the table with the

Madeira. The new master will preside over one of the grandest Cambridge foundations, established in 1546 by Henry VIII, which educated the Prince of Wales in 1967-70. He will be responsible for 120 fellows, 220

By Peter Hennessy and Lucy Hodges sustain Trinity's rich portfolio of investments, maintain its ancient buildings and priceless Wren Library, entertain in the grand manner and set a tone appropriate to a citadel of the higher learning. A skill at

managing clever, sometimes

difficult, people and a taste for

the subtler arts of academic politics will be a great asset. If 10 Downing Street has its way, the choice of successor will be about as open as that of Mr Andropov's. Yet aiready a dash of unseemliness has intruded thanks in part to the Prime Minister's taste for the more outspoken members of the right-wing branch of the

British thinking classes. Mrs Margaret Thatcher will recommend a name to the Queen when Mr Catford has done his rounds.

Already the academic for is flying around Mr Walter Garrison (Gary) Runciman, aged 49, scion of great Liberal family, benefactor of such progressive causes as the Child Poverty Action Group and - big black mark in Mrs Thatcher book – a sociologist.

convinced Mr Runciman will bumpy ride with the nation's get the job. He said: "It would run true to form because the Prime Minister has a habit of giving jobs to her political opponents. She does not like sociologists

or tall, landed aristocrats." "If she appointed anybody on her side she would choose Hugh Thomas |Lord Thomas of Swynnerton, historian and chairman of the Centre for Policy Studies, Mrs Thatcher's private think tankl, but would anybody in Trinity talk to

There is a kind of cult about the Trinity mastership. Lord Butler, of Saffron Walden, appointed by Lord Wilson of Rievaulx in 1965, captured it in his memoirs. Part of it involves the job going alternately to a scientist and a humanist another pointer to Mr Runciman, a fellow of the college

Other names in the gilded

frame, according to the gossip

mills, include Sir Andrew

Huxley, the eminent biophysi-

cist. Sir Peter Swinnerton-

Dyer, mathematician and new

chairman of the University

since 1971.

The more racy might press the claim of Professor Sir Dimitri Obolensky, a Russian prince and Professor of Russian and Balkan History at Oxford. He is a former Trinity man and has the virtues of being tall, handsome and very grand, with the appealing habit

most famous monetarist but

who at 68 might be a little old.

to tutorials To add to the mystery, nobody is sure why Sir Alan could not quite summon sufficient votes among the fellows to stay in the job. He was obliged to submit himself to a complicated reelection procedure on reaching 70. He is described as nice, competent and clever but may have lacked a little of the verve Trinity men

of wearing a red smoking jacket

television serials are made. It ends theatrically with the new its Great Court.

like to see in their master.

master thumping on the gate of the Trinity Lodge before steering a stately course across For the Prime Minister it

has its attractions - it is much

more fun than picking a

It is the stuff of which

inferior materials. These in-

clude brakes made of soft steel.

bolts which broke after being

fitted to new aircraft, fire equipment and parts for heli-

copters. Attempts have begun to

stop trade in these counterfeits, often made in Third World

Heavy interference to radio

neavy interference to radio communications around flome Bologne & Milan. Radar week spots along Adriatic, south of Naples & Sicily, Inadequate ser rescue services

countries.

"Substantial and alarming differences" in standards of traffic control in Europe are highlighted in a disturbing report on air transport prepared for the European Parliament (summarized briefly in The Times on Thursday.)

Although the chances of an states. The failure to standaraccident are described as literally one in a million, the report makes it clear that odds flying more dangerous. increase the nearer an aircraft flies towards the Mediter-

Italy, Spain and Greece are specifically criticized. The report fears that economies introduced because of the recession could cause standards everywhere to slip.

Britain has one of the highest rates of reported near-misses, particularly involving military aircraft ground control and

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safety services, however, appear The report seems generally to be good. satisfied with maintenance on A resolution, based on the the main European airlines, but report, is almost certain to be is concerned that a number of passed by the Parliament before charter companies are using summer. It calls for better obsolete or worn-out aircraft. training and radar and more particularly outside Europe. cooperation between member However, attempts to impose higher standards in Europe dize equipment and to centramight chase away trade.

lize controls, it suggests, makes Economy measures are also seen as a danger in small Signor Carlo Ripa di Mena, companies, in which pilots have of Italy, who drew up the report been required to do adminissays there is also evidence of tration and book-keeping counterfeit spares made of

Overall, the biggest problem is inadequate radar control. The Eurocentre at Maastricht, in the Netherlands, which is equipped to coordinate flights in northern Europe is "the most advanced in the world", but south of a line connecting Madrid to Athens, through Rome, there are a number of black spots.

Greece needs to modernize its whole system, the report says, italy has inadequate radar cover round the adriatic, south of Naples and in Sicily. But Italy is making progress in overcoming this. Madrid, where two aircraft collided on the ground in December, lacked the system which would have

There are nationalistic problems: Europe's nations, using their own systems, persist in individual controls, when a Europes wide system would be cheaper, safer and more efficient. The same applies to safety equipment and airport standards.

The overall conclusion of the report is that incompatibility between the various systems in use can cause breakdown in dense traffic areas.

There is also inadequate knowledge of English, the international language of the

Prepared by 18 scientists.

including three Russians and

five Americans who met for

three days in the Vatican last

month to discuss "nuclear winter", the cold effect nuclear

blasts could have on the earth,

the report said the long-term

consequences on the global climate could be worse that the

immediate effects.

Shuttle men's press **Scientists** conference in space fear bomb holocaust From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Weather permitting, the space shuttle Challenger will land at Cape Canaveral today to said the eight-day, 3.200,000-complete the first Florida-to-mile mission had cleared the Florida roundtrip into space. It has been a mission blessed by a breakthrough and

blighted by expensive failure.

When

accidents happen %

The forecast right now is good", mission control told the has

In commercial terms the trip cations satellites insured respectively for \$100m (£70m) and \$75m are now in uscless orbit.

ironically in perfect order.

Village stays doomed

Pretoria (AP)-A judge yester-day refused to allow a village of have vowed never to leave their blacks to appeal against the homes which once consisted to South African Government's stone houses on a mountain decision to forcibly move them side. Officials have bulldozed off land they have owned for many of Nagopa's buildings,

Mr Justice H.P. Van Dyk of the ibly remove so-called "black Pretoria Supreme Court turned spots" as part of its master plan down a request from the lawyer for separate development of for an estimated 300 families in racial groups. It intends to the Transvaal village of Nagopa remove the people of Magopa for permission to appeal against to another part off Transvaal | accident".

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broken sun-watching satellite. "I think we feel there has been some adversity but a lot been accomplished", he astronauts 24 hours before said. "We accomplished what touchdown on a three-mile was needed to be accomplished runway at the Kennedy Space to set the next mission into motion for satellite repair."

Mr Brand and the other was a disaster. Two communi- astronauts, Mr Robert Gibson, Captain Bruce McCandless, Mr Ronald McNair and Colonel Robert Stewart spent 30 minutes answering questions in the As the astronauts circled the carth at 17.000mph in the dying conducted from the Johnson

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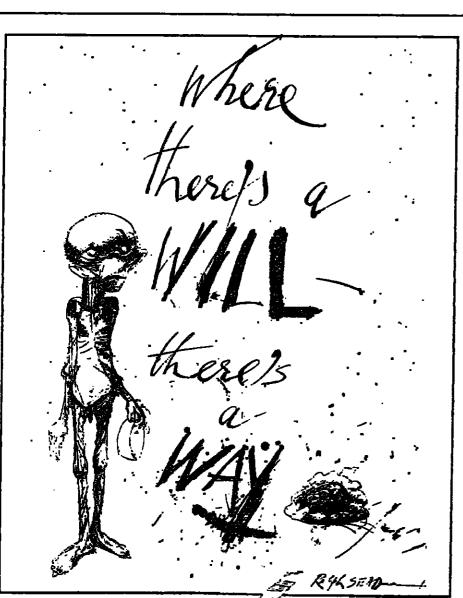
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Shot envoy dies hours of their mission they gave Space Centre, Houston, Texas.

shot outside his Rome apartment on January 21, died in hospital yesterday. Mr Ammar el-Taggazy never regained con-

Diplomat dead

Sydney (AFP) - Mr Timothy Allison, aged 53, second officer at the British Consulate here, was found dead from a gunshot wound in the head at his home in a Sydney suburb. A spokes-man described it as "a tragic



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The world after Andropov: A time to reassess attitudes



East meets West: Mr Yuri Andorpov (extreme right) during his Kremlin Meeting with Chancellor Kohl last year - the only time he held substantive talks with a Western leader.

Younger generation fields three candidates

The Andropov era can be regarded as a perpetual succession struggle, with Politburo Andropov's absence. members and their supporters manouevring since last spring, when it became clear Andropov might be no more than a

caretaker leader. Andropov had himself moved to secure the leadership during 1982, months before Brezhnev died. The crisis Politburo meetings which now take place will show whether of any of the contenders has managed to move into a similar

position. Three men of the "younger generation" have been actively preparing for the leadership crisis since last November. Andropov failed to appear on Red Square. They are Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, Mr Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, Mr Grigoriv Romanov and Mr Geidar Aliyev, Mr Konstantin Chernenko, the Brezhnev pro-

tégée, is still a strong force. If the Politburo chooses an interim figure from the older generation of leaders Marshall Dmitry Ustinov, the Defence Minister, will have a decisive say: there are rumours that he may remove his military uniform and adopt a civilian role. A possible compromise figure

is the relatively colourless Mr Viktor Grishin, Moscow party Andropov held three posts: General Secretary of the party, Head of State (Chairman of the

Presidium) and Chairman of the Defence Council. The most important of these is party leader, who may need not be the same person as the

President, although both Brezhnev and Andropov combined the posts. Rome (Reuter) - The Libyan must be both a Politburo member and Central Com-

mittee secretary, iun which case only Mr Chernenko, Mr Romanov and Mr Gorbachov would qualigy.
Leading candidates for the

party are:

I. Mr Konstantin Chernenko, ged 72, Mr Chernenko was Brezhnevs on choice for leader, but lost the power struggle to Andropov, who had skilfully shed his KGB (secret police) post and manoevered to gain control of the party structure long before Brezhnev died.

Mr Chernenko is still seen as Brezhnev's protegee and has acted as the mounthpiece for Brezhnev era officials victi-mized by Andropov for corruption, inefficiency and incom-

He has suffered from health problems and is regarded in the party as politically lightweight. He combines Politburo membership with the post of Central Committee secretary. and as the senior party secretary in the Politburo has been acting head of the party during Andropov's long absences.

Last December Mr Chernenko lost a vital post as head of the General Department. which oversees party appointments. To capture the leader-ship a year after losing it to Andropov would be a remarkable reversal of fortunes.

When cnadidates were nominated for the March Supreme Soviet elections, Andropov was nominated 35 times, Mr Chernenko 10 times and other Politburo members four times.

Mr Chernenko has chaired gress and gain exposure to the Politburo weekly meetings in

2. Mr Grigoriy Romanov, aged 61. If the party wants a vigorous leader it could opt for Mr

His main handicap is that he only moved to Moscow as party secretary in June, after 13 years as party boss in Leningrad. Traditionally Leningrad experience has been a drawback rather than an advantage for those with ambitions to reach the top in the Kremlin.

A further disadvantage is that Mr Romanov's name recalls the Tsarist dynasty overthrown in 1917, and even though there is no family connexion, the prospect of a Romanov ruling Russia gives rise to numerous disrespectful witticisms.

In Leningrad Mr Romanov enioved an extravagant life style, and was reportedly involved in several scandals.

On the other hand he has a reputation for industrial efficiency, and is a tough disciplinarian in the Andropov mould, though with a cruder manner. In the Secretariat he has the

gives him valuable links with the desence industries. He is a formidable political operator and was probably

heavy industry portfolio, which

brought to Moscow by Amdro-pov to be groomed for higher

His success in setting up joint cientific-industrial amalgams Leningrad has raised his stature. Last month he visited West Germany to attend the German Communist Party con-

3. Mr Mikhail Gorbacho, aged 52. is the youngest Politburo member. He only joined the Politburo in 1980. On the other hand he has been a Central Committee secretary since 1978, with responsibility for agriculture.

Over the past year his powers in the Secretariat have increased, and he now has responsibility for a range of enconomic questions including light industry, as well as supervision of party personnel. Like Mr Romanov and Mr Chernenko, Mr Gorbachov combines Politburo membership with the post of party secretary and is therefore a

He made a good impression during a trip to Canada last year, and appears well informed in talks with Western leaders. He acquired practical experi-

serious contender for General

Secretary.

ence in agriculture, working on farms, before making a party career in Stavropol region and making a swift move into the Central apparatus. His youth counts against him. On the other hand both

Kbrushchev and Brezhnev came to power in their late fifties. If Mr Gorbachov feels that a man in his early fifties should wait until the next opportunity, he may forge a tactical alliance with Mr Roma-

4. Marshal Dmitry Ustinov, aged 75, represents the armed

Gorbachov

enormous power at a time when the military are politically in the ascendant. He helped Andropov in his campaign to reach the top, and will play a key role now. He could himself be a candidate for party, state or government leadership, although this would arouse uncomfortable comparisons with the "Polish model" of military communism and whis-

pers of "Bonapartism." Marshal Ustinov's cancelled trip to India last Saturday was obviously linked to Andropov's decline, but there are sugges tions that the Marshal himself is not in good health.

Mr Geidar Aliyev, aged 60, is from Azerbaihan, and non-Russians are traditionally discounted in the Kremlin power struggle; and unlike Mr Romanov, Mr Gorbachov or Mr Chernenko he is not a Central Committee secretary.

Mr Aliyev's rise has been swift and convincing, however, and he is a force to be reckoned with. Formerly the KGB chief in Baku, and subsequently party leader there, he was marked out by Brexhnev as a full Politburo member. He praised Brezhenev extravagantly when Brezhnev visited Azerbaijan shortly be-fore his death. Yet Mr Aliyev's promotion survived into the Andropov era, and he moved into the Politburo 10 days after Mr :Andropov became party

Aliyev subsequently imcreased his powers by becoming Deputy Prime Minister as well. He is ambitious and powerfu. Under the Andropov regime, he has enthusiastically pursued the drive for discipline, and extension of the anti-corruption campaign he carried out energetically in Azerbaijan.

Other key figures in the drama include:

6. Mr Andrei Gromyko, aged 74; the veteran Foreign Minister has exemplified Soviet foreign policy under Khrushchev, Brezhnev and Andropov. He is not thought to be a candidate for party leadership, but wields great authority in his elder statesman role.

7. Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, aged 78. is a technocratic Prime Minister in the mould of Alexi Kosygin, whom he replaced. and widely respected in the government structure and in the country at large. He is not primarily a party figure, how-

8. Mr Viktor Grishin, aged 69, the party leader in Moscow, is widely seen as a coluorless figure of limited abilities. His very lack of presence, on the other hand, could make him acceptable to all factions if the Politburo is unable to agree immediately on a successor and the power struggle becomes protracted. He is a possible compromise leader.

9. Mr Vitaly Vorotnikov, aged 57, is an outside contender and reached the top only recently. A former Ambassador to Cuba he was recalled by Mr Andropov in 1982 to help implement his anti-corruption campaign on the Black Sea, and was later moved to Moscow as Russian Federation Prime Minister. In December he joined the Polit-

rise for better relations

From Nicholas Ashford Washington

The death of President Andropov has come when relations between the United: States and the Soviet Union are, at their lowest in years.

However, Kremlinologists in Washington yesterday exof leadership in Moscow, together with the less combative, approach now being adopted President Reagan, could. lead to a gradual thaw in

relations. Since January 16, when President Reagan appealed to. the Soviet Union to return to the Geneva arms control negotiations, the US and its. Nato allies have been making a concerted effort to improve:

But so far the Soviet response has been angry and tough, mainly because of the first deployment of Pershing 2 and cruise missiles in Western Europe. Shortly before his death, Mr Andropov responded to the President's January 16, speech by saying that the Soviet Union valued a dialogue with the US but that it needed. "practical deeds" to prove. Washington was serious.

This could provide an open-ing for high-level US-Soviet discussions if the new leadership in Moscow decides to respond to Mr Reagan's overtures, particularly if it believes he will be reelected for another four-year term.

Relations plunged to a new depth with the shooting down of the Korean airliner by a Soviet fighter in August last year. They went from bad to worse when the Soviet Union walked out of the Intermediaterange Nuclear Forces (INF) talks in Geneva last November and later refused to set a resumption date for the crucial Strategic Arms Reduction

Although there is an impasse in the nuclear negotiations, the. Soviet Union is continuing to take part in conventional force reduction talks. It is taking part in the 35-state Stockholmconference on confidence-building measures and security in Europe and has agreed to return to the 10-year-old mutual and balanced force reduction (NBFR) negotiations in Vienna,

The present Washington is in contrast tothat which prevailed when Mr. Andropov came to power 15 months ago. His accession was a Reagan Administration.

ton expected a dramatic shift in policy under a man who had presided for years over the KGB, it was nevertheless hoped that the indecisiveness of the final year of he Brezhnev era would give way to a greater degree of realism and pragma-tism in the way in which Moscow dealt with its rival super power.

The period after Mr Andro-1 pov took office seemed to confirm initial US expectations. He turned his attention to the economy and unleashed a drive against corruption. In the middle of last year

General Edward Rowny, the US strategic arms negotiator, reported progress in Geneva, and predicted possible agreement in the months ahead.

In other areas, too, relations began to improve. Then came the Korean airliner disaster. The President and other members of his Administration used the most extreme forms of Cold War rhetoric regarding the incident However, the verbal attacks

on Moscow provoked a hardening of attitude by Mr Andro-1 pov, whose health at that stage was already in sharp decline.

The US must now wait to see who is chosen to replace Mr Andropov before assessing the prospects of a renewal of strategic arms negotiations. But Soviet specialists here expect little immediate change and predict a period of collective rule in the Kremlin before the new leader consoli-

Unease in Eastern Europe Key German priority is

Fear of military interregnum

By Roger Boyes

quarters throughout the Warsaw Pact there will be an uneasiness, a sense of discomfort, that might pass for

The imperial pretensions of Leonid Brezhnev, the irascibility of Nikita Khrushchev, the terrors of Stalin: all these features were absent from the short sprint of the Andropov era, much to the relief of Moscow's allies sheltering from the gaze of Big Brother. Andropov's blandness, the lack of a personal style or sharp focus, were regarded as virtues in Warsaw, Prague and Buda-

Andropov's foreign policy experience before taking over as Soviet leader was almost exclus- European neighbours is that the ively in Eastern Europe. As new Moscow leadership will try Soviet Ambassador to Hungary to accelerate economic inte-

Few people in Eastern Europe in 1956, when Russian tanks mourn the death of a Soviet crushed the revolution, he showed himself to be a skilful crisis manager, if not exactly a From 1957 to 1967 he was

Central Committee secretary in charge of relations with ruling he understood well the East European formula that strives to balance national aspirations with Marxism-Leninism, and make the system acceptable, by sweetmeats or sticks, to the

The policy towards Moscow's allies created by Andropov during those the leadership of the KGB.

during those post-Stalinist years, remained essentially unchanged when he moved to The greatest fear of the East

gration within Comecon (and thus subordinate national economic goals to those of the Soviet Union) and will use the excuse of the new missiles in Western Europe to introduce an era of political conformity. In November, 1982, Andro-

pov told a plenary session of his Central Committee that the Soviet Union should make better use of the experience of friendly socialist countries. In the summer of 1983, he went into close conclave with Mr Janus Kadar, the Hungarian leader, apparently intent on learning as much as he could about how to reform the economy and the polity of the

This was an important signal not only to Budapest but also to other members of the Warsaw Pact: Andropov was a "listen-

to preserve contact From Michael Binyon, Bonn

decision to go in person to President Andropov's funeral in Moscow is an indication of the importance Bonn places on maintaining high-level contacts with the Soviet leadership. And as the only senior

Western leader to have met Andropov - only one month before he disappeared from public view - Herr Kohl paid generous personal tribute to him in a telegram of condolence sent yesterday to Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, the Soviet Prime Minister. He said: "I would like to express my sincere sympathy over the heavy loss that the Soviet Union has suffered through the death of ... Yuri

ladimirovich Andropov. "The comprehensive talks which I held with the deceased in Moscow in July, 1983, will, in my memory as an important peace in Europe and the world.

Chancellor Kohl's immediate contribution to the necessary continuation of political dialogue between West and East." ..

Indeed West Germany has tried hard to maintain a dialogue with the Russians even in the worsening international atmosphere and despite the bitter exchange of polemics that led up to the deployment of Nato missiles in Western Herr Haus-Dietrich Gensch.

er, the Foreign Minister, made 2 last-minute attempt to keep lines open to Moscow when he met Mr Andrei Gromyko, his Soviet counterpart, in Vienne last November. And in a telegram to Mr Gromyko y yesterday, Herr Genscher said in the control of his country wanted to "continue and deepen cooperation and dialogue between our two even in difficult times, remain countries in the interests of

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Israel faces its biggest crisis since ill-fated invasion

revised strategy to cope with the chaos of Lebanon, they will be facing their biggest dilemma since the ill-fated invasion was launched on June 6, 1982.

The impeding collapse of President Gemayel's regime, the disintegration of the multinational force and the return of West Beirut to the control of pro-Syrian militias has, in the view of many observers, left Israel potentially in a worse position than when its tanks first rumbled northwards.

"The difference is that now there are 10,000 Israeli soldiers inside Lebanon suffering an average of 15 ambushes a week. and no longer any Major Haddad to control the buffer zone along Israel's northern elements in border," one diplomat said. "It celebrating." is not so much that Israel is back to square one, in many ways it is back to minus one."

The sense of disillusion long voiced by Opposition politicians about the war is now also detectable in the remarks of camp, Mr Ariel Sharon, the a new front line south of Sidon discredited former Defence and its hostile population

Gemayel

may not

be dumped

Damascus (NYT) - Lebanese opposition leaders meeting here

with Syrian officials and among

themselves are reported to be divided over whether President

Gemayel of Lebanon should

President Assad of Syria has been holding talks with Mr Walid Jumblatt, the Druze

leader, Mr Suleiman Franjieh. a

Maronite Christian and former president of Lebanon, and Mr Rashid Karami, a Sunni Mus-

lim and former prime minister.

The three Lebanese leaders were

One diplomat said he thought

President Assad might decide to

Gemavel "rather than with an

Western sources said they

viewed the flurry of meetings

here in the past three days as a

further indication that the

had moved from the military to

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to return to Lebanon soon.

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the hard-pressed Minister, chose this week to members of the Israeli Cabinet accuse the Israeli Opposition meet tomorrow to discuss a and news media of causing the achievements of the war he jaunched to be squandered.

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The general was speaking only hours after Al Hamishmar, the paper of the left-wing Mapam Party, accused him of responsibility for what has proved to be one of the greatest tragedies for the Jewish people since the Second World War".

The bitter mood was sum-med up by Mr Yossi Olmert, a Tel Aviv University expert on Lebanon. "Above everything, there is a deep sense of disappointment about the war. he said. "Israelis feel that somehow the West suffered. Israel lost, the Syrians are winning the Soviet Union is winning and the more radical elements in the Arab world are

Against this sombre backdrop, which may yet combine with 200 per cent inflation to unseat the shaky Shamir Government, the Cabinet is under mounting pressure to sanction, at the least, a further some ministers. In the other deployment of Israeli troops to

Why a £30 charge was made

By Colin Hughes

The Foreign Office yesterday dismissed accusations that the £30 charge for being evacuated from Beirut was

As the last of nearly 300 British civilians in Beirut left for Cyprus last night, the Foreign Office emphasized that the signed commitment to pay £30 towards evacuation costs was a standard procedure.

Two consulates were set up. one in West Beirut, and another at the port of Jounieh where the Cypriot ferry Sol Georghios docked yesterday to take on make a deal with President board evacuees from East Beirut.

> The charge was based on the commercial fare from Lebanon to Cyprus. "No one is asked to come up with cash on the spot, and we are not aware of anyone refusing to sign the form on previous occasions", Foreign Office said.

The same fare was paid by the British who fled Beirut in 1982; those leaving Tehran in 1979 paid £68. The Government makes up the rest of the

Mr Vivian Bendall, Con-servative MP for Ilford North, called the fee "blood money" in the House of Commons, but the Foreign Office said: "We are not extorting money from anyone. They have been warned since last September to leave. and they are only paying the same amount towards evacuation that it would have cost them to leave normally.

Robert Fisk in Beirut

British depart with touch of style

It was one of those things the British are supposed to do so well, like the Coronation or the Last Night of the Proms. There on the Beirut promenade stood the beleaguered British citizens of the world's most dangerous city, waiting for the Royal Navy to come to their rescue.

And when the first Sea King helicopter did come throbbing in over the Mediterranean with a massive Union flag on its side, and touched down on the Corniche in a storm of sand, out stepped a handsome, blondhaired naval lieutenant with gold braid on his shoulders, who looked every bit a Hornblower hero.

Of course, things were not quite that simple. Almost half the first 100 evacuees turned out to be Cypriot students with British passports, Canadians and Swedes, and Lieutenant Richard Okill turned out to have some Naval ratings with a smart line in mild abuse. "You spell my name without an apostrophe", the lieutenant announced, at which a Cockney voice was heard to say: "Tell him about the boil on your

backside, Sir. The lieutenant, whose Pembrokeshire accent gave the Beirut seafront a faintly Welsh flavour, stared with something approaching apoplexy at the Druze militiaman who wandered into the British Embassy compound carrying an AK47 automatic rifle with a white carnation taped to the barrel. "Good Lord", he muttered, and

one saw his point. But there was about it all something rather nostalgic, a touch of the Englishman abroad that Noel Coward

battles for comfort, and Mr Hector Munro, one of Middle East Airlines' British pilots, who was due for a vacation anyway, and turned up with his wife, Elaine, wearing a rather snappy golfing hat. There was Mrs Carol Debs,

who left her house with her two children last Monday precisely 10 seconds before a shell hit the building next door and filled every room of her home with shrapnel. For some it was the fifth evacuation from Beirut in eight years. Old friends met again in the lines waiting for

the helicopters The British Embassy staff watched it all like satisfied schoolmasters. The trim and moustachioed figure of Col Cross, the military attache, went about telling the navy how jolly well they were performing and the slightly lugubrious figure of Mr David Miers, the ambassador, engaged in small talk with the departing Britons, a faint smile on his face as if he was bidding farewell to guests

at a cocktail party. There was, too, a gentle, middle-aged lady who smiled a lot but would not give her name and was at first unwilling to talk about the shellfire that had barst around her home last

"I can describe it to you." she said quietly, in a rather ordinary Home Counties voice. "It was a night of terror. And I also felt peace." She looked at the ground and would talk no more of her discovery.

By mid-morning, the wind had softened and the Sea Kings were flying out at 10-minute

intervals to HMS Reliant. There were few tears on



Flying the flag: British civilians waiting to be evacuated from Beirut by Royal Navy helicopter.

Republicans vent their anger on Reagan aide

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Reagan Administration was confronted by anger and confusion from its own its own party yesterday over its con-tinuing bombardment of antigovernment postions in Lebaon and its assertion that US Marines may remain in Beirut

If the relentless naval shel-

ling of hostile Syrian and Muslim targets in central Lebanon and areas east of Beirut continues the President can expect a serious Democratic-inspired Congressional constitutional confrontation over his "war making" Mr Kenneth Dam, the

Marines may not be redeployed off Lebanese soil for months. it was an exceptional demonstration of anger from the President's own ranks. A third of the 1,500-strong

Deputy Secretary of State, was Marine contingent is to be greeted by groans and hisses from Republican House memmoved to ships within 30 days, The Administration serious bers when he told them that the ly doubts the ability of President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon to survive for long and one source vesterday said Mr Gemavel's resignation might precipitate a swift withdrawal of all the Marines.

statements of approval.

Mubarak flies in to consult Mitterrand

President Muharak of Egypt, has the largest Lebanese comwho arrived in Paris vesterday, munity in the US), said that it is due to hold talks with was "The duty of the great President Mitterrand on the Middle Eastern crisis this morning before flying on to Washington later today for further talks with President texts'

rapidly deteriorating situation in Labanon, the French and Egyptian leaders are expected to examine the possibility of resurrecting the Franco-Egyptian resolution put before the UN Security Council in July. 1982, calling for the "mutual and simultaneous recognition" of the PLO and Israel, and the right of self-determination for the Palestinian people.

Meanwhile, France is holding

firm to its decision not to pull its troops out of Beirut until they are replaced by a UN force. Claude Cheysson, the Foreign Minister, told the committee, that France "cannot desert Lebanon without some solution involving the substitution (of the multinational

agreement on the position adopted by the Government. Both the Communist Party. hostile to France's presence in Lebanon, and the right wing RPR party have come out with

expressed support. In a joint the French contingent. M statement yesterday, Cardinal Lustiger. Archbishop of Paris. and Cardinal Joseph Bernardin.

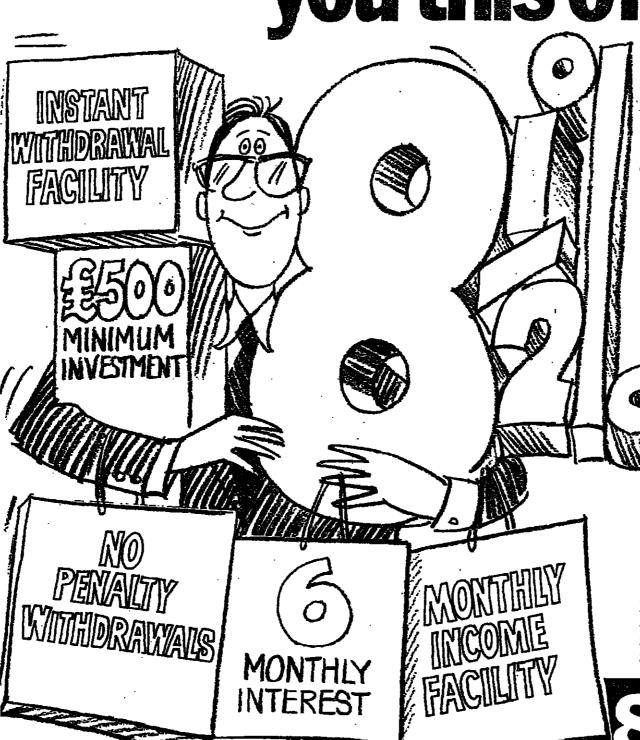
powers not to abandon Lebanon to an appalling solitude on the grounds of short-term considerations or false pre-

Reagan.
As well as discussing the rapidly deteriorating situation multi-national force, most With a death-toll of 84 people are anxious to see France pull out of Lebanon. A poll carried out before the latest upsurge in violence showed 47 per cent opposed to the continued presence of the French contingent in Beirut, compared with only 32 per cent in favour. Socialists and Communists were the most in favour of withdrawal.

France's decision to maintain its forces in Beirut at present, while the other three members of the multinational force prepare to withdraw theirs, is not seen as particularly remarkparliamentary foreign affairs able here. It is accepted that France has greater cultural and historic ties with Lebanon than Britain, Italy, or the United States. The French have also long since come to expect their There is broad political country to play a key role in world affairs.

M Charles Hernu, the Defence Minister, has cancelled all trips out of Paris to be able to keep in close touch with developments in Beirut where there are 6.000 French residents The Catholic Church has also as well as the 1.240 members of Hernu has already made it clear that France would be prepared to participate in an eventual Archbishop of Chicago (which UN force in Beirut.

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Honduras threatens to help El Salvador crush guerrilla forces

armed forces. General Gustavo Alvarez, said his troops may enter the war in El Salvador if it appears that the leftist guerrillas there are defeating the Army.

He said Honduras has alredy carried out a number of operations to "clean out" border areas and the need for some kind of sandwich operation in conjuction with Salvadorean forces may arise.

He was speaking as the Big Pine 2 exercises, which have involved 5,000 Honduran soldiers and as many as 10,000 US military personnel came to a close after six months. A US Army statement said that the exercises had probably been the longest in American history.

The next round of manoeuvres, to be known as Grenadier 1. begin in May or June and will probably involve Salvadorean Army units, Meanwhile, the Hondran Government intends to move nearly 20,000 Salvadorean refugees to the interior of the country from border camps which, it says, are havens for the guerrillas.

The refugees and inter-national relief workers at the camps say they are being relocated to leave the area clear for incursions into El Salvador. Senior US military commanders refused to comment on allegations made by an merican Senator during a factfinding tour of Honduras that

Senator Jim Sasser, the senior Democratic member of the Senate's military construction

appropriations sub-committee, be followed in the autumn by

US officials would confirm only that about 800 troops will remain in the country, although only \$21m (£15m) to build two at times this caretaker presence airstrips but six had already will peak at around 1,700 men, been either built or lengthened They also disclosed that re- to accommodate C130 troop connaissance aircraft are to be transports and three more were deployed in Honduras later this planned. Two radar stations



Mr Sasser: Concerned by American spending.

The chief of the Honduran five years of exercises are being convinced him that US military installations in Honduras far exceeded the needs of exercises. He said money was being

diverted from exercise and operations funds to build "an said US military officials had extravagant infrastructure for told him that Grenadier would some future military contingency". Clearly, the Reagan Big Pine 3 and that subsequent Administration did not go rounds of manoeuvres were before Congress and spell out its contemplated for four years full intentions or debate the nature of the US mission in

His committee had approved and 13 miles of tank traps near Mr Sasser said his tour had Nicaragua had also been built from exercise funds and two ammunition depots and a barracks were on the drawing

> A US Embassy aide put the cost of Big Pine 2 at between \$30m and \$40m. Mr Sasser said that while a

budget request for designing a permanent US base had been withdrawn for the time being by the US Defence Department, there was pressure from Gen-eral Alvarez to create a permanent facility at the regional training centre near Puerto Castilla where Salvadorean and Honduran soldiers receive instruction from US Green



Four-to-one: Police arresting an agitator in Amritsar during a strike over Sikh autonomy.

India braced for execution today

Delhi (AFP) - Indian security forces have been put on naximum alert amid fears that today's scheduled execution of a Kashmiri militant could set off terrorist actions. They said trouble could com

from separatists in Kashmir and radical Sikhs in neighbouring Punjab.

Maqbool Butt, a leader of the Kashmir Liberation Front whose freedom was dema by the kidnappers of an Indian diplomat later murdered in Britain, was twice condemned

Bomb damages Turkish Consulate in Cologne

Cologne (AP) - A bomb tore through the Turkish Consulate here early yesterday, causing moderate damage but no injuries in the latest attack on Turks in West Germany.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack, and the Consul-General said not threats had been received beforehand.

The one-and-a-half million Turks living in West Germany seem to bear the brunt of hostility against foreigners by neo-Nazis and other extremists.

On Monday, arsonists set a Turkish textile shop on fire in Frankfurt, causing damage worth 150,000 marks (£38,000) but no injuries. A slogan reading "Auslaender raus" or "Foreigners out" was painted on the building.

The Turkish Consul-General, Mr Ilhan Vigitbasioglu, said similar slogans occasionally appeared on the walls of the

Greens lick their. wounds over general's defection

Leaders of the Greens yesterday angrily condemned General Gent Bastian's decision to leave the party and sit as an independent in the Bundestag. and insisted they would not cooperate with him.

Taking stock of the damage the defection has caused the volatile and fissiparous movement, Herr Ott Schily, Speaker of the parliamentary faction, said he did not have the slighest understanding General Bas-tian's step. Other members of criticisms of party organization and policies, and said no one else supported General Bastian or was ready to follow him in resiging from the party.

Frau Petra Kelly, a close friend and political ally of the general, said bowever she understood his motives. although she was not willing to leave the Greens herself. She called on her colleagues not to blacken his name, he had lost his political competence, and had suffered from the lack of solidarity shown him by other

General Bastian's decision, seen by his many opponents as inevitable, is the first serious split in the 27-strong parliamentary group, which has been riven in recent months by personality and policy clashes. Last month General Bastian accused his colleagues of dishonesty, intrigue and one-sided

anti-Americanism. Once a member of the Christian Social Union and a senior general in the Bundeswehr until his removal over the party rejected his sharp public disagreements about arms policies, General Bastian was always an incongruous figure among the more radical and casually dressed younger members of the party. His departure is a serious matter however, for if the Greens suffer only two more defections they will cease to constitute a parliamentary faction, with a consequent loss of money and representation on parliamentary committees.

Among the reasons General Bastian gave for his departure was the party's waste of money and resources.

British MP tells of flood havoc

From Stephen Taylor Harare An entire village of about 3,000 people disappeared in the floods which hit south Mozamsique in the wake of Cyclone

ina last week, a British MP who has just visited the devastated area said here. At least 109 people are known to have died in the floods but Mr Edward Rowlands, MP, a former Minister of State in the Foreign Office during the last Labour Govern-ment, said the Mozambique Government was deeply wor-ried about the missing vil-

lagers. "Relief workers have no

idea where they are", Mr Rowlands said. "The village has simply vanished." The cyclone and floods have compounded the effects of Mozambique's catastrophic drought. At least 30,000 people died in the provinces of Maputo, Gaza and Inhambane last year but according to representatives of voluntary rganizations operating in months the toll might be as nigh as 200,000.

Mr Rowlands said that the floods had washed away maize crops in Maputo and people were desperate for seeds. In addition, the cyclone had stripped cashew trees of the pods which constitute Mozam-bique's main export.

Another blow to Ian Smith

Harare (AFP) - The Republi-can Front led by Mr Ian Smith, the former Prime Minister, suffered another blow to its shaky claim to leadership of Zimbabwe's white community vesterday when a twelfth white independent member of Parliament was elected to a former Republican seat.

The party now has just eight of the 20 seats reserved for whites in the 100-member Parliament controlled by the Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu), led by Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister. Mr Peter Field, a sugar-cane

farmer, won the south-central Lundi constituency after the Republican Front failed to



Mr Smith:

Australia's new chief rebukes top judges

The High Court of Australia Appeal for leave the appeal to in effect sustains the right of appeal to the Privy Council despite an agreement between the federal and state governments that such appeals should

The decision, handed down Evans, the federal Attorney-

the Privy Council against a lower court ruling that it owed \$150.000 (£96,000) in exemplary damages. Sir Harry Gibbs, the Chief

Justice, and Justices Mason, Wilson and Dawson said that on Thurdsay, drew a swift the Constitution recognized the reaction from Senator Gareth right of appeal

Evans, the federal Attorney-General, who said that it was nion said: "We should not and unacceptable. Allowing appeals cannot speal for the judicial to continue even in a limited committee committee (Privy range of cases was "completely Council), but we can say with inconsistent with the position confidence that it is inconceivthat the High Court is the final able that this court and the court of appeal for Australia," judicial committee would pro-The High Court by a 5-2 ceed concurrently to hear majority found that Caltex Oil appeals from the one judment appeals from the one judment (Australia) had the right to ask of the Supreme Court of a the New South Wales Court of state."

Nakasone's gambit in the Diet From Richard Hanson

Yasuhiro Nakasone Prime Minster and Democratic Party, appears this week to have set the stage for a significant strengthening of ties with a leading middle-of-the road opposition party, Democratic Socialists.

This at least raises the possibility that Mr Nakasone is considering a broader coalition to ensure Government stability after the LDP's election setback last December when it lost its absolute majority in the Diet. Speculation has been fired by what appears to have been carefully orchestrated political gambit in the Diet session that

began this week. Mr Nakasone ostentatiously welcomed as bold and epochal a proposal by the chairman of the Democratic Socialist Party, Mr Ryosaku Sasaki, to create a consultative forum with opposition parties The DSP ranks number two

among parties and holds views nearly identical to the Liberal Democrats on a number of key issues. Nonetheless the possi bility that the DSP could split from the loose opposition party front and join the Government s intriguing politicians here.

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Shakedown times

Six weeks old next Tuesday, the new arrangement of the late Radio 4 evening has still to am not referring so much to the most obvious change – the disappearance of a full-scale casting schedues quite often do news bulletin at the front of the most obvious. casting schedues quite often do with astonishing rapidity: assume the air of something that its new editor Blair Thomson, has been there forever. This may in part have been because a very clear audience expected. of that early January start when a kind of national hibernation sets in: at all events, the two hours from 9.30 to 11.30 pm still sound as if they are trying to shake down.

Like the half hour space that used to be from 10.30 to 11, the little 15-minute gap at 9.30 is being used predominantly for repeats: Kenneth Williams - Ad Lib. Gemmell's Gardens, High Street Africa Revisited, All good stuff, but there is an opportunity here to develop new talks series or small features which I hope will not be lost. One much-publicized idea of the rescheduling was to give Kal-cidoscope a slightly later start. thus enabling it to return to its minutes The Financial World original practice of reviewing first nights on the night. suppose to get an off-the-top-ofthe-head reaction as opposed to something more considered really is a bonus - or is it?

In the first few weeks, however, your actual first nights were, for seasonal reasons apparently, pretty thin on the ground. Since then the rate has improved somewhat, although I suspect that in fact the slightly Should they, as in my hearing later start is not quite late they have done more often, enough to do the job thoroughly. Where the programme of the first half-hour? That is would really like to be is where not quite right either, after The (if my memory serves) it was when it began: 10.30. But there approach, it sounds unduly is little hope of that. In other weighty for the time of night. is little hope of that. In other respects, it really sounds much like its old confident, unrescheduled self.

So to Book at Bedtime where too long, too dense and too the difference is that bedtime is heavy for the very late evening. now defined as 10.15 instead of Instead of a book at bedtime we 11. If you were in the habit of now have a bit of a sandbag. listening confortably in bed, either you crawl in earlier and really help: at 11 pm Radio 4 risk insomula, or listen before divides up, and the remainder you go to bed and lose the last of The World Tonight is half of the ITV news – both possible irritants. However, if medium waves, and falls victim the experience of those respon- to a very horrid loss of sound sible for the hour that follows is quality. No fault of the proanything to go by, traditional gramme, but it tends to sour the Radio 4 audience irritation with listener's attitude. So later, changes has on this occasion having groped his way to bed, been markedly less than usual: he lies awake composing letters complaints to The World to the Home Office, demanding Tonight about its new placing explanations about why they and format virtually dried up by the end of the second week of the VHF more rapidly and Perhaps it is the hibernation give each of the net works its

It is here in the hour between 10.30 and 11.30 that most of the

programme. This, according to

tation that news bulletins on Radio 4 are things that happen

on the hour. So if you start at

the half-hour you must do something different, which in

this case is to take the major

stories and explore them as they

come up. In any case the method is in keeping with The

World Tonight's new intention

not just to deal in news and

reactions, but to use the extra

time to develop its tradition of analysis and the examining of

So far, so reasonably good.

but come 11 a note of dissatisfaction creeps in. This is

when The World Tonight seems

to break off, and for the next 15

Tonight takes up the micro-

phone. This introduces a dis-

tines, and to my ears somewhat indigestible, change of subject matter and style. Then at 11.15

(except on Fridays, when Week Ending begins) The World Tonight proper comes back.

The risk is that this section will

become divorced from the rest

- a sort of comic's corner.

attempt to reestablish the tone

Financial World Tonight's brisk

gone before, it helps to create a

sequence of broadcasting that is

One other factor does not

own uninterrupted frequency.

David Wade

Should they lighten the tone.

implications.

An oratorio for the people

Theatre

The Hired Man

Nuffield, Southampton

If Britain were a people's republic, Melvyn Bragg and Howard Goodali's musical is just the kind of work that would receive the blessings of the Ministry of Culture. It is a heroic pageant of working-class life from the turn of the century to the eve of the depression, celebrating worker's power to withstand everything the century can throw at him and still sign on for the next job.

Mr Bragg's novel took its outline from the life of his grandfather, but there is small trace of any personal element in the stage adaptation. The early scenes do build up the picture of a particular northern com-munity, with its outdoor sports and pub life, and its custom of the hiring ring where masters and workers strike their bar-

to relax almost wrecks his

However, such personal questions are soon eclipsed by events. John and Emily aban-don the land for the colliery. The disaster of the war and the death of their son is followed by a mining disaster and the death of Emily. Mr Bragg chucks everything in, and all individual colour drains out of his people. leaving only melodramatically manipulated emotion: such as the scene in which the couple renew their love, after which the pit roof is bound to cave in.

This is to reckon without the transfiguring effect of Mr Goodall's music which may not rescue the dialogue from banality, but does confer an epic nobility on the group scenes and justifies Mr Bragg's sacrifice of private to public feelings. Scored for two pianos, trum-pet and harp, this is music in

the English folk tradition: not modal, but effortlessly melodic and workers strike their bargains. We seem set for a story of
three brothers. But as soon as
the march of history gets under
way, two of them fade out,
leaving John and his family to
do solitary battle with the
twentieth century. And in a
piece saluting the dignity of
labour it is odd to find a
worksholic hero whose inability

and redolent of the countryside,
and redolent of the countryside,
combining even the brassiest
march tune with a sense of
regret and loss. The lyrics add
to this effect with metres that
allow separate motifs to flower
into varying phrase lengths
always, at some point, giving
labour it is odd to find a
the voices of David Gilmore's
worksholic hero whose inability worksholic hero whose inability cast the chance to soar. The high emotion with the music



Phyllis Logan, David Tysall: from low key to high emotion

result may not be precisely a musical, but it is a magnificent peoples oratorio. As the central couple, Phyllis Logan (who much impressed in Another Time. Another Place) and David Tysall set the style with honest, low-keyed per-formances that take off into

Roger Glossop's stage somehow accommodates a pit shaft in addition to domestic interiors and a main area doubling as farmland and no man's land, on which the company repeatedly gather to lift their voices in joy and defiance.

Irving Wardle

Operetta

created for La Belle Helene in Paris a year

ago. But no matter: some beaches must stay in the public domain. Michael Corder,

with the Sadler's Wells Ballet, has provided

some of the sharpest choreography I have

seen on the operetta stage for some time. He has his singers counting away (silently)

ago, is still in imposing voice as Don Alhambra, swishing his Grand Inquisitorial

is equally assured and equipped with a

Harold Wilson accent. As Tessa (Janine

Roebuck) does a Thatcher-imitation, this

like professional dancers.

Taken with everything that has The Gondoliers Sadlers Wells

> After a Martha that traduced the very name of Friedrich von Flotow the New Sadler's Wells Opera has come up with a Gondoliers to end its season that should sit happily in the repertory for a number of years, quite apart from a visit to Opera North, its next stop. For that much credit must go to Christopher Renshaw. Mr Renshaw's staging is inventive without being exaggerated, fresh without being ingenuous and has a sure feeling both for

out of his collaborators. Tim Goodchild provides two nicely contrasted sets. Venice arises from the waves in Act I with plenty of channels for the arrival of sundry gondolas; the waters looked a little choppy on the first night, but doubtless someone will pour some oil on them, or on the pulleys beneath the boats.

the moments requiring over-statement and

those that benefit from understatement.
And above all he knows how to get the best

The Court of Barataria in the second act Gondoliers is in some ways cast at the indeed has a sunny, Spanish shore where Marco and Giuseppe disport themselves in Victorian bathing costumes. It is all a little reminiscent of the Nauplion Jérôme Savary

highest ministerial level.

Kim Begley and Richard Jackson are
well-contrasted as Marco and Giuseppe. despite the fact that Mr Begley is a tenor who looks like a baritone and Mr Jackson a baritone who looks like a tenor. A complicated situation, as Gilbert would have said, but both have youth, charm and usually encountered in Rosebery Avenue a clean vocal line. Laureen Livingstone (Gianetta) sounded a little below par on opening night and for once was outpointed by the Casilda, played by Sandra Dugdale as a quasi-intellectual from Harold Wilson-

The cast, despite one or two obvious Wyn Davies began unobtrusively with weaknesses, is a judicious mixture of the the orchestra, aware probably that Gondo-liers has its weaknesses, especially the experienced and the up-and-coming.

Donald Adams, who took over from

Darrell Fancourt in the D'Oyly Carte long music for Luiz and Casilda. Gilbert provided some of his wittiest lyrics but one of his worst plots, with its *Trovature* parody denouement. Why, he even pinched the name of Inez, the foster-mother who tells whip and relishing every slice of stage business. John Fryatt's Duke of Plaza-Toro all, from Verdi's opera.

John Higgins

Television Musical tragedy

Nigerian television journalist minerals, and it was dis-who combines that craft with covered, oil. It sustained a About Us special, A Squandering of Riches, on BBC 2, she twice joined these talents which from the was a pity - rather as if Fred Emery were to close Panorama with an emotive pop number.

When we last saw Miss Onwenu she was belting out a gymnastic number, magnifi-cently swathed in what appeared to be yellow chiffon. The words were denied us and though the performance was impressive, it sat oddly at the end of this sad story of how what one witness called "moral decadence" had brought the

country to its knees.

The film was made a month before the December coup and had to be brought up to date by Miss Onwenu's narration. Nigeria became independent 24 years ago. It was a country with a promising agricultural base,

Miss Onveka Onwenu is a an educated elite. rich in singing. In last night's World bloody civil war but not

Nigeria's oil drew people from the land. Making money became a much smarter thing to do than making things. Indus-trialists went in for private jets - one apparently maintained two at a cost of film a year -and bribery on a scale that raised evebrows internationally.

From having the possibility self-sufficiency in food and enviable prospects compared with its other African states. Nigeria hit hard times. Food is imported and scarce, inflation rife. Again, the military govern.

Miss Onwent hoped it would work. There had been another change, she said: Nigerians were now blaming their leaders instead of colonial powers

Dennis Hackett

WEEKEND CHOICE

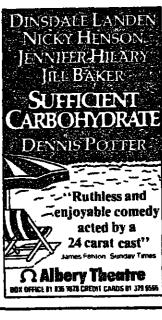
It is not necessary to have read Rosamond Lehmann's novel The Weather in the Streets fully to appreciate the quiet power that is generated in Julian Mitchell's television adaptation (tomorrow, BBC 2, 9.30 pm), or sensibly to appreciate the point that Miss Lehmann was trying to make. "It was fun, wasn't it darling?", says the adulterous husband to the mistress whose bright flame he has snuffed out with only a token show of regret. This is the archetypal rose-and-thorn love story. The important plusses are, of course, the relevance of the period (England between the two world wars) and the social divide

between the lovers. A combination of restrained direction (by Gavin Millar) and what must have been a generous production budget has helped to ensure that Rosamond Leh-mann visualized is not a betrayal of Rosamond Lehmann textualized. A Touch of Culture (tonight, Channel 4, 8.30) begins as a conventional PR job for the

Royal Shakespeare Company. making its annual sortic to Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Then, it raises its sights and stiffens its sinews and creates a no-nonsense context into which it fits not only the glamorous RSC but the North-east's own homegrown theatrical enterprises that derive their strength from the community.

The air is thick with hatchets most of them heading straight for Walt Disney, in Russell Davies's documentary about the pioneer cartoon maker. Waltchmerz, Or What You Will (tomorrow, Radio 3, 5.10 pm) For some of the rest of the time Disney is turning a dagger on himself, though the programme suggests that he does not have the wit to realize what he is

Peter Davalle



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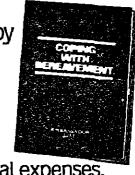
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is n Like everyone else, the Liverpool the and Zimbabwe goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar was surprised by his team's 2-2 draw with third division instit side Walsall in the Milk Cup on quali Tuesday. "If there was a result like good this in Africa", he said, "Walsall's expk witch doctor would be under very Unita close investigation."

Brital England's rugby drubbing in Cand Edinburgh last Saturday was also the ar Al subject of rueful humour. After the er, w match the chairman of selectors. Cand coach and captain found themselves of e coach and captain towards to a brick month wall in the dressing-room. Coach Cand Dick Greenwood said: "Well, hand ment me a blindfold." Captain Peter mana Wheeler added: "Am I allowed a last

takin At least England have won the Sor Five Nations Suiff Upper Lip invest Competition.

fund: Dimmy Greaves is making a not n comeback to first division football. cent o He and his television colleague Ian suppo St John will fight out a penalty but C competition before the televised has be Luton v Manchester United game tomorrow. "They both want the pleasure of telling the other man he's past it", said a Luton spokesman. So it should be a draw.

Give and take

Cent w The Welsh may have stolen the honours at the Five Nations tournament match in Dublin last weekend but it did not go all their own way. Someone sneaked into Com their changing room and stole £700 from their pockets. Still, it makes a change from people sneaking into rugby changing rooms to give money



would you like me to be you new chairman?

Ski high

Lapsed Norwegian Audun Endestad is competing for the United States ski team now, after whizzing dramatically to and fro across the Atlantic to become a US citizen in time. He flew from Yugoslavia to Salt Lake City last weekend, needing both Ronald Reagan's signature and a special act of Congress. Now he is back in Yugoslavia, and set to compete in the 50 kilometre Nordic skiing event.

Boycott out

Abandon hope if you want to buy a picture of the greatest cricketer in the world. True, the original paintings for the best-selling book The Lord's Taverners Fifty Greatest Cricketers are on sale at the Cafe Royal from Monday until Friday, but the portrait of Geoff Boycott is not available. Someone - not, I fancy. Ray Illingworth - has already snapped it up for a mere £980. The picture of a man with an equally remarkable batting technique. Bishen Bedi, has somehow gone missing.

Clay models

All right, England is not too hot at cricket and rugby just now. But the British are knocking spots off every are one else when it comes to clay pigeon shooting. Did you know we have no fewer than seven world champions? And that in 1983 we won 48 medals in international events, 27 of them gold?

A grandmother aged 66 has won a weightlifting competition. Minnie Roberts, 4ft 11in and 8st 6lb, won the Michigan State championship for women over 40, lifting almost twice her bodyweight.

Fighting talk

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Don't write off welterweight boxer Stewart Darden, who is convalescing from a head injury. Says promoter Wes Wambold: "He's completely normal in every respect except that he can't walk yet, because he can't move his right foot. Mentally he has a few problems. He can recognize everybody and talk to them. He just gets confused at times.

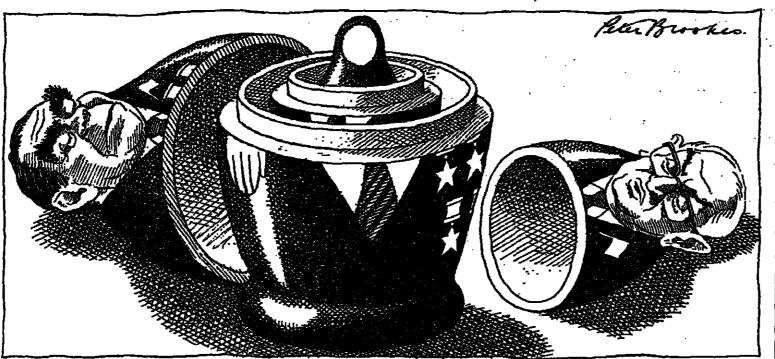
Making a mint?

Sian Flashman, the Wembley tout renowned for his imaginatively priced Cup Final tickets, has ponsored the printing of lottery lickets for the Alliance Premier League side, Barnet. He lives near Anuque Underhill. Barnet's muddy slope of Rare I a ground, and has paid all the 49/50 printing costs for the tickets. The back of each carries the message: "Stan Flashman for all theatre and

sporting tickets. If you consider that to be barefaced exhibitionism, here's a barebreasted variety: two women boxers lought topicss for a £150 purse (if SUCCE not a handbag) in Liverpool last (FOR week. One of the contestants, billed as Jumping Jane, said: "We were both nervous the first time out, but in the excitement you soon forget vou are out there, naked to the waist, in front of hundreds of leering

Simon Barnes

What did Andropov achieve?



As the Kremlin power struggle intensifies, Richard Owen asks if even the tentative reforms of the past 15 months can survive

stricken Andropov continued to wield power behind the scenes. His had always been a faceless leadership: no giant portraits of Andropov went up on Moscow streets to replace those of the vainglorious Brezhnev. There are some large red posters by the roadside assuring Muscovites of Andropov's devotion to raising living standards, but they are relatively modest, and may now disappear. The Andropov family not involved in the kind of high-level corruption which per-meated Brezhnev's relatives, and his son Igor was seen as a career diplomat rather than the recipient of

undeserved paternal patronage. Nobody even knew (despite ncessant inquiries by foreign journalists and diplomats) whether Mrs Andropov was still alive, or indeed if Andropov had married twice, as many believe.

There were few jokes either - not only because it is foothardy to joke about a man who headed the KGB for 15 years (and still held the files), but also because this austere, secretive politician inspired fear and respect rather than derision, affectionate or otherwise. Some jokes went the rounds: the study of Soviet man at Moscow University had been altered to "Andropology": a cheap vodka put on the market last year was dubbed "Andropovka". That was all.

meetings or on Red Square he Unless Andropov is now sucalways seemed a remote figure, faintly smiling, staring at the world ceeded by a leader fiercely loyal to through his spectacles as he walked, his ideas and programme, the slowly and stooping, at the head of "Andropov era" may dwindle into little more than a transitional or caretaker period. When he moved the Politburo. When he disappeared, his strangely sinister presence still seemed to hang over Moscow and into the party leadership with couplike precision in November 1982, dominated all conversation. It worked partly because the Polithuro Andropov rolled up his sleeves and needed to maintain a facade while it announced a crash programme of manoeuvred - but also because the efficiency and discipline.

Dulled by the drift of the Brezhnev years, Pravda readers took note when Andropov told the Central Committee: "There are many tasks in our national economy which need prompt solutions". He added modestly: "I, of course, do not have ready made recipes", but it was clear that here at last was someone with vigour and clear

Overhaul of the police system was accompanied by a Stalinist cam-paign against dissidents and unorthodoxy in the arts. Letters appeared in the press praising the KGB as knights in shining armour, stern guardians of the communist flame. Andropov rejected the idea that Soviet Marxism needed major revision but accepted the need for change after two decades of stagnation. He found himself using the police and the KGB to push through a limited reform programme in industry, agriculture and education against criticism not only from old guard bureaucrats who did not want their sinecures shaken by change, but also those on the liberal wing of

solutions. Even as he lay dying, Andropov used his loyal lieutenants to purge the incompetent and inefficient, yet never once acknowledged that the Soviet structure itself was outdated, a relic of the Stalinism under which Andropov and his generation made

the party who favoured more radical

their early careers. But as the Politburo moves to resolve the leadership crisis which has been simmering since the autumn, many in the party are wondering how much of the Andropov programme will survive, and whether it is worth their while implementing it.

to move into key positions in his last six months - Mikhail Gorbachov, Grigorii Romanov, Vitaly Vorotni-kov, Nikolai Ryzhkov - could do much more than try to protect the Andropov legacy from being whittled away. They face the powerful force of an entrenched bureaucracy and vested interests which even a ruthless secret policeman of Andropov's stature and intellect could not shift. If the Politburo plays it safe, nower will pass to the generation in its seventies with Konstantin Chernenko. Marshal Ustinov and Andrei Gromyko running the system.

There is enough of an "Andropov programme" in force to enable
"Young Turks" like Mr Gorbachov
and Mr Romanov to take reforms further if they gain power now. The December plenum - which Andropov did not even attend - was dominated by his disembodied voice. His unseen hand moved the pieces on the Kremlin chessboard. The internal party elections which ended last month removed a third of all regional party secretaries, the largest turnover since the Khrushchev era. As he lay dying, Andropov repeatedly ordered Pravda to attack party incompetence, using as an example the republic of Moldavia, with which Brezhnev - and the Brezhnevites - had strong ties. But although there were signs that

he took a relatively benign view of his predecessors, Andropov may not have been able - on present evidence - to order the succession to ensure that the "Andropov era" does not follow the Khrushchev and Brezhnev eras into the memory hole of official Soviet wisdom, Given that Andropov's relatively brief tenure saw failure rather than progress in foreign affairs - in Afghanistan, in relations with China, above all on arms control and relations with the United States - there may be precious little left for Soviet historians - unless Andropov's shadow proves so powerful that it commands and instructs the There are no signs so far that any that it commands and instructs the of the men Andropov managed next leader from beyond the grave.

David Owen Why Moscow holds the key to Lebanon

The multi-national force in Beirut for an eventual peace settlement, was a brave response to an appalling Yet Syria has gained immeasurably was a brave response to an appalling political and humanitarian debacke. We are in danger of forgetting that US, French and Italian troops went in originally to oversee the evacuation of the PLO at Yassir Arafat's request, only to be called back in the wake of the Sabra and Chatila refugee camp massacre. We in Britain came in reluctantly with a token force.

Some say that the peace-keeping operation was doomed from the start, fatally flawed by the inability of the US administration to provide impartial diplomacy to match the impartiality of the peace-keeping force. But such an outcome was not inevitable. The mistake of the Europeans was to allow the United States to control all the diplomatic and political negotiations with the Lebanese government and Israel, and not to threaten to withdraw their MNF contingents if the US continued to shut out the Syrians.

Unlike in the past, when Europe had criticized US diplomacy in the Middle East from the sidelines, on this occasion we were sharing responsibilities and casualties. The French were robust and independent throughout and were sustained by politicians of all persuasions. Britain would have been better advised to have put in promptly a rather larger force. In fairness to the British Government, the ability to operate with a high military and diplomatic profile in the Middle East was gravely impaired by the lack of any all-party consensus in the House of Commons.

A combination of Enoch Powell's nationalism and Denis Healey's opportunism with the latent neutralism and active anti-Americanism of most of Neil Kinnock's Labour Party meant that there was the constant fear of a major parliamen-tary row over any British casualties. It was not surprising, therefore, that the Government, with John Biffen, Leader of the House, openly agnostic, often appeared hesitant and uncertain about the extent of their commitment. A transfer of responsibility from the multi-national force to the United Nations was always desirable, but the key to such a transfer is neither in Damascus, nor in Jerusalem, but in Moscow and in Washington.

The reality is that ever since November 1977, when President Sadat visited Jerusalem, the Soviet Union has been deliberately shut out of the peace process in the Middle East. The October 1, 1977 joint US-USSR communique stating the views of the Geneva co-chairmen on the objectives of a reconvened conference was abandoned. The partial peace settlement between Egypt and Israel will nevertheless prove to be a critical building block

in relative strength in the region over the last few years. In part, this is because Iraq is pinned down in its war with Iran. In part because the United States did not understand that it was fatally weakening President Gemayel with the Muslim majority in Lebanon by allowing Israel to extract too high a price in the May agreement and then reaffirming its security pact with Israel. But mainly Syria's influence grew as the US deliberately ignored the Soviet Union over the Middle

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What the Soviet Union needs is some sign from the Americans that they are prepared to bring it back into the peace process in the Middle East. This is particularly needed at this critical moment when the leadership is changing after President Andropov's death. The atmosphere would certainly be greatly improved if President Reagan attended Andropov's funeral in Moscow and talked to the new leaders about the Middle East.

It would probably be unwise even to attempt a Geneva Conference until 1985, but a decision to agree this in principle would set all the different negotiations in Beirut, Damascus, Amman and Jerusalem in a more hopeful framework. It should, above all, be sufficient for the Soviets to lift their implicit veto on an immediate reintroduction of a UN peace-keeping force into Beirut. We need urgently a decision from the Security Council to authorize such a peace-keeping initiative. The French have shown courage and tenacity over the last few months in the Lebanon. The experience of the French, British and Italian troops could be of tremendous value in providing the nucleus for quickly installing a UN force. There would obviously need to be representation from nations like Romania, Yugoslavia and the Scandinavian countries to provide political balance. The United States, in the almost certain absence of any Soviet contribution, would have to withdraw its forces completely. Even Israel, which has always been the most pungent critic of UN peace keeping ought now to see that its own interests are not served by the

The hard truth which President Reagan hopefully is beginning to realize is that there is no escape from serious dialogue and negotiation with the Soviet Union. In any area, whether Europe, the Far East or the Middle East where the super-powers are in conflict, neither can afford the luxury of totally ignoring the viewpoint of the other.

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Bernard Levin is enraged - and exalted - at the Biko inquest re-enactment

At the Riverside Studios, in Hammersmith, there is to be seen. until March 4, an extraordinary and at once I face an almost insuperable difficulty of definition. For what exactly is The Biko inquest? It is performed; by actors; on a stage; at a theatre; therefore it is a play. But how can it be a play? For every word we hear was spoken by counsel, magistrate or witnesses in the second half of November 1977, in Pretoria, in the course of the inquiry into the death of Steve Biko, black South African campaigner for the rights of black people in South Africa, who was tortured and murdered by two officers of the South African security police. The recitation of verbatim excerpts from legal proceedings can hardly constitute a play, even if, as in this case, the excerpts occupy only some two hours whereas the original went on for a fortnight. But if it isn't a play, how then does it contrive to be more dramatic, in both the theatrical and wider senses of the word, than anything I have seen on any stage for many a season? And if the amazing cast - it includes Albert Finney, Nigel Davenport, John Standing, Michael Gough, Mark Dignam, Richard Johnson and Dignam, Richard Johnson and Edward Hardwicke – are not acting, what are they doing?

It began 15 months ago with a

crackle of expectancy, with troops moving on to the streets in an

almost coup-like atmosphere, and

ended yesterday in a welter of rumour, deception and Byzantine

intrigue. The Andropov era, for the

average Russian, had by the end become symbolized by the nightly

television news programme in which the leader appeared only as a two-

dimensional portrait waved on the

end of a stick at Supreme Soviet

"We need a strong and visible ader" one Muscovite said this

week (not too loudly) as indications

Since August last year, when Andropov last appeared in public, officials had kept up a barrage of

disinformation (some of it absurd)

designed to assure both foreigners

and the man on the Moscow street

that Andropov was not dying but "temporarily indisposed".

For some Russians the tactic

worked. Russians are not used to

questioning statements about Kremlin leaders, and the eery

creation of an invisible Andropov

persona through statements to Pravda and constant invocations of

his name almost dignified the

vacuum. This week, even after Marshal Ustinov, the Defence Minister, had mysteriously cancelled

a visit to India, there was a sense not

so much of crisis as of uncanny

calm. Russians had lived without a

visible leader for six months: why

When I saw him at Kremlin

not another six months?

that Andropov might have "This is an embarrassment."

Confusion now hath made his masterpiece; and I must be more confused than most, because one of the real people represented on the stage is a dearly beloved friend of mine, and although Finney, who plays him - speaks his words - does not attempt to look like him, sound like him or walk like him, so hypnotic was the effect of what I was earing that I found myself, teetering on the edge of schizo-phrenia thinking "Why is Sydney Kentridge disguised as Albert Finney?

It would, of course, be possible to write a play based on the Biko case (indeed, at least one novel has been written about it). The playwright, though, would feel the need to "open out" the story, so that the audience would see not only Biko's suffering but his family background and political activities, together with a scene or two involving the Minister of Justice (he supervised the organization of the "cover-up", and did so with such stupendous incompetence that even Vorster was obliged to sack him), who said of Biko's death, to appreciative laughter from the National Party Congress he was addressing, "It leaves me cold". At the end of such a play. provided the author was good at his trade, we would have a heightened understanding of the evil that had been done, a greater awareness of the abominations of apartheid and if the author was very good at his trade - an experience of the catharsis that comes from true tragedy, and a

feeling of identification with the Yet all this is obtained at Riverside with nothing but the bare





Albert Finney as Sydney Kentridge: evil indicted in words of fire. Right, Steve Bike; in life, torture; in death official lies and contempt

Verdict: death that others might be free

Pretoria courtroom. Those, like the security police, the government's lawyer and the government's doctors, who there spoke words of baseness and mendacity, are here seen and heard as base and mendacious; those, like Kentridge (he appeared for the Biko family), who there spoke words of nobility and truth, are here seen and heard displaying those qualities. When we hear the shame at what was done to Biko expressed by those who condemn it, while those who did it or defend it display not shame but pride and contempt, we hear what the public in the courtroom heard; when the magistrate brings in the required verdict in the teeth of the evidence, the sickness it induces is what we would have felt had we been present.

Ars est celare artem; but this, as I had to remind myself a bundred times in the course of the evening, is not art, it is life. Of course, Jon Blair and Norman Fenton, who have edited the transcripts into this form, have used artistic skill in their selection of passages for inclusion. and they have sometimes broken up the testimony of a witness into separate "scenes", though in the court, the whole of his evidence would have been given at one go. No doubt this will give the defenders of South Africa (at least Professor Manning is at last dead, which will spare us a column or two of

repulsive cant) the opportunity to claim that The Biko Inquest is fiction. The answer to that is for visitors to Riverside to hang on tight to the most dominant and appalling truth of the experience: every word When Colonel Goosen of the security police stated unambi-guously in the courtroom, and repeated firmly when pressed, that no telex message was sent by him on a particular occasion crucial to the case, he lied on oath, and when Kentridge produced a copy of the telex the existence of which he had denied, he was conclusively shown to have fied on oath. He was not in the least worried, knowing that he would be protected by his political superiors from the natural consequences of perjury. At Riverside we see the lie told and nailed, and we see the insouciance of the liar; pray how much art would be required to improve on that, let alone on the no less faithfully transcribed slip of the tongue by the same witness, who, when intending to refer to "my interrogating officers", spoke instead of "my assaulting officers"?

And so it is from start to finish. Take the acting, for instance. John Standing has played a good many odious creatures, and he does it with great skill and relish; here, as counsel for the government, he plays one who is plainly more loathsome than most. Yet there is no false emphasis, indeed there is no

emphasis at all; Mr Standing just speaks the lines in a voice that is almost without colour or variation of tone, and the strangling hand that grips our unconsciousness squeezes from it the truth that we are listening to something that is in effect a gramophone record.

The same is true, even more strongly, of Albert Finney as Sydney Kentridge, a portrayal that hardly ever touches anger, let alone stridency or melodrama; even the forensic use of sarcasm, in which Kentridge is a master when defending South Africa's victims or crossexamining the victimizers, is touched so lightly as to be almost indiscernible. And yet Kentridge, the latest in that great line of lawyers, from Cicero to Clarence Darrow, who have served truth against its enemies, comes to full life upon the stage, indicting wickedness in words of fire that burn the more savagely for being so carefully doused. (The hypnotic force of the 'play" is so remarkable that when, on the opening night, with the lawyer among the audience, the magistrate said "Very well, carry on, Mr Kentridge". Sydney found himself rising to his feet.)

For many years now, whenever I have wanted to be sure that I am psychological reactions as a doctor tests physical ones by tapping the patient just below the knee; if the leg involuntarily jerks, its owner need not lose hope, and if, when I contemplate the things that are done to the good, the honest, the brave and the helpless in the Soviet Union or South Africa, I feel rushing through me the familiar rage against mankind's capacity for evil. I know that I am still not drowned in despair. It is a measure of the force and effect of The Biko Inquest that although I did of course feel that rage again and again in the course of it, the rage was by the end transmuted into a different feeling altogether, the feeling that comes through true artistic catharsis. Just as we do not leave King Lear destroyed by the horrors we have seen, so we do not leave Riverside brought low by the horrors we have heard about. Instead, there is a feeling of something strangely like exaltation, which comes - which can only come - from the realization that, however many more Bikos have to die, in the end we shall sec in South Africa one more proof that a house builded upon sand cannot stand, which is also what I realize when I think of Yuri Orlov, who yesterday completed seven years in a Soviet concentration camp for daring to ask whether his country was keeping its side of the bargain enshrined in the Helsinki Accords. The art in this play must indeed be powerful thus to invite comparison with Shakespeare. And yet it is not art and not a play; how much more powerful, then, must be the stark reality which has the same effect.

Woodrow Wyatt

Stand and deliver, Mr King

If the Government does not insist on secret postal ballots for union voting the claims that it is going soft in its second term will be strongly reinforced. Nearly all union leaders are against postal ballots most would not have been elected had they been in operation. The general council of the TUC is mainly composed of leaders who do not hold their office on the genuine universal suffrage of their members.

These are the union leaders the Department of Employment officials deal with. Anxious not to offend them, the officials have so far persuaded their ministers that postal ballots for the election of union officials are not necessary.

In the Committee stage of the Trade Union Bill on January 17, John Gummer, Minister of State at the Department of Employment, claimed that before the 1961 court case the Electricians' Union had a postal ballot, implying that postal ballots are no protection against malpractice. Branch officials re-ceived batches of ballot papers from head office which they were supposed to post to their branch members, who were supposed to post them back to the branch, where they were supposed to be counted; the numbers of votes put down to each candidate was then sent to head

In practice, branch officials who supported communist rule in the Electricians' Union omitted to send ballot papers to those likely to vote the wrong way. When the ballot papers were returned, branch officials adjusted the results by adding surplus ballot papers, of which there was a limitless supply, to the candidates of their choice. Ministers are not ruling out postal

ballots. They are saying that workplace ballots would do as well, and cite the pithead ballots of the miners in support. The recent election for the general secretaryship of the NUM has raised strong doubts about the way it was conducted, partly because of the drop to 147,011 voting against 195,494 in March 1983.

The Electoral Reform Society counts the used, but not the unused, ballot papers returned to it. It has no control over how many ballot papers go to each voting point, how they are distributed, no supervision of the voting, nor of whether surplus ballot papers are improperly filled in. Ballot papers are straightened out by local officials and sent to the Electoral Reform Society, making subtraction and addition easy. The Department of Employment's ideal workplace ballot, the pithead ballot, is open and subject to massive

If unamended, the Trade Union Bill will not even require the election of scrutineers at workplaces. cowardice.

irregularities.

Before it had postal ballots, it was habitual in the Engineers' Union for groups of like-minded officials to forge signatures of members who had not come to vote and to fill in their ballot papers in the preferred Signatures were never, or rarely, checked against those at head office.

The Government says it does not want to force too many changes on the unions. Yet even its brokenbacked Bill would make unions like the NUM give each member a vote for each executive councillor, which at present they do not have. The extreme left tilt of the NUM executive arises through indirect voting. Since that is to be changed, it is not much more of a change to provide for full postal ballot voting supervised by an independent body. ideally a quango.

The unions should be obliged to send lists of members and their addresses to the quango, which would dispatch and receive back the ballot papers for counting Complaints of omission could be referred to the quango, which would take them up with the unions. Additionally, the quango should be empowered to make spot checks comparing the lists supplied by the union with its own records. The knowledge that such checks could and would be made would greatly reduce the temptation to fraud. The system would not be perfect, particularly to begin with, because many unions do not know the names and addresses of many of their members. The new procedure

would encourage them to find out. It is true that postal ballots do not achieve the same rate of voting as pithead ballots where the workers, all members of the same union in large units, pass the ballot places to and from work. But postal ballots, centrally controlled, have the supreme advantage of being nearly impossible to fiddle. Where they have replaced branch voting and other systems the rate of voting has multiplied several times over voting by previous methods. It is extraordinary that the Department of Employment has shown not the slightest interest in examining the procedures for postal ballots in the Electricians' Union, in which about 30 per cent of the members usually vote. More vote when the contest is expected to be close or is of particular importance.

As it is, the Government proposes to deny ordinary members even the right to choose by postal ballot whether they would like to have postal ballots for executive elections. No wonder the enemies of genuine democracy are laughing and its friends are grieving. The TUC general council is amazed and delighted at the Government's

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MISSION TO MOSCOW

The Soviet President is dead. The announcement of Mr Andropov's death, after a long illness, has finally given public recognition to a fact that has been evident to anybody concerned with the workings of the Soviet system; its paralysis of leadership. The effect of Mr Andropov's illness had not yet been to reduce the Soviet Union to quite such a directionless state at the top as one would find in a true autocracy, because the Soviet system is not like that. It is a self-perpetuating, secretive, and very practised paramilitary bureaucracy, rather than a personal fieldom. It is less about men than about measures measures of control, measures of survival, military measures. But for all that even as ruthless a bureaucracy as the Soviet system needs some ultimate leadership 10 prevent it falling eventually into an inertia where timeserving and factionalism gradually destroy its momentum and sense of direction.

Soviet diplomacy, particularly in the arms negotiations, has shown some of those symptoms. and a lack of that quality of imagination which would have enabled it to adjust to the failure of its efforts to prevent the deployment of Western missiles in Europe. Had Mr Andropov been able to give some personal guidance at the top we would perhaps have sensed some continuing flexibility in Soviet diplomacy, rather than the mediocrity and immobilism which actually transpired at Geneva. The walk-out in the arms negotiations was as clear a demonstration as was needed that Soviet diplomats had no instructions and could not therefore continue to negotiate. The reason they had no instructions is now clear, it was pretty clear then, in spite of the continuing attempts by Soviet authorities to delude others about the real situation in their country, in the hope that they might succeed in deluding many of their compatriots as well.

The question of the Andropov succession arises, but it should The arrival

atmospheric effect. Yet it should not be allowed to mask the underlying and unchanging aspect of the Soviet system. It will only adapt slowly and at the margin, to a new personality; and that personality will anyway be born of the system rather than an arrival from outside it. Thus, like Mr Andropov, his successor will tinker with the marginal and superficial imperfections of Soviet rule, without risking any radical critique. Khrushchev's fate, as the only post-war leader to challenge their common Stalinist antecedents, would be

not to be tried again. For the West and particularly for President Reagan, Mr Andropov's death provides one of those rare moments in life when instinct and calculation can find themselves irresistibly together. That is the opportunity now before Mr Reagan and he should seize it by going to Moscow for the funeral. Such a gesture would have enormous symbolic impact on the public mind of East and

sufficient warning for that trick

Insecurity, in nations as in individuals, is more often a state of mind than a state of affairs. Coping with it is therefore as much a question of psychology as of strategy. The general anxiety about the state of the world, and of the possibility of nuclear war, is not actually supported by hard evidence of any inclination by either the Soviet Union or the United States to become engaged in nuclear power-play. They both know better than that. But the persistence with which Soviet spokesmen let East and West know that the long term purpose is the inalienable expansion of communism means that there can be no question of a status quo between stable systems. A world in which one of the major powers is Sovietized is thus inherently unstable. It is as well for the West to recognize this and, in order to minimize the danger of misunderstanding with Moscow, to be open about things and accept an adversary relationship between East and West. of a new leader certainly has an both sides reveals a fear of uninspiring after all.

aggression in both sides. It should be admitted; and then perhaps the challenging postures

can be muted. So President Reagan should attend the Moscow funeral for many reasons. First, because it is the decent and uncalculating thing do, and he is a decent man. It is not, after all, any cast-iron ideology which we have to offer in the West; it is a tradition of decency and respect for the individual which would be exemplified by President Reagan's attending the funeral of a man who headed a system which he rightly declared to be profoundly unpleasant.

Secondly, he should attend because summit meetings are fundamentally not about practical measures but about atmosphere. They should speak to the emotions of the world, not to its calculations. That is normally difficult to achieve at a summit which has to be prepared for with diplomatic but deadening thoroughness. There would be a spontaneity about President Reagan in Moscow, and his arrival there would be entirely without prejudice. Neither side would have to meet expec-tations, nor to descend from the summit with a profit and loss account of the business conduc-

ted there.
The profit would be earned later, from the fact that President Reagan, with a single gesture, had been able to personify the policy of seeking dialogue with the Soviet Union without feeling the need to come up with some new and public initiative. The real business of disarmament should be put through in quiet negotiations, followed by a second summit in which Mr Andropov's successor, whoever he is, would be expected to come out of the Kremlin and meet the American President somewhere in the West. In the new circumstances, post-cruise, the presence in Moscow of Vice-President Bush would not be enough. President Reagan should go; and if he can so decide - who knows? perhaps the legacy of Mr Andropov's short sojourn at the top seem so grey and ould not

were given style by his under-

standing of the broad sweeps of

history. A cultivated man whose

intellectual attitudes had been

formed in the golden climate of

cowardian Oxford he also mas-

lered before any other politician

the art of communication with

the masses by television. Though

himself in love with tradition, he

was also in practice a sceptic who

even adopted a somewhat whim-

sical attitude towards honours

when he himself had patronage.

When he first refused an earl-

dom it was as though he saw a

greater dignity in remaining a

plain untitled man. In his

memoirs he noted that the

Queen had written to say that

Earldom when she came to the

hospital (when he was ill) for fear

I would be embarrassed, since

she knew my disinclination. But

she made it clear I could have it

advice') if ever I wanted it. This

He has now accepted after so

long a delay that, if there are Earl

Macmillans a couple of centuries

hence, that will be owing as

much to Mr Macmillan's happy

longevity as to his distinction as

a statesman. Perhaps, even now,

there is a little whimsy in his

acceptance. Certainly he does

not need the Lords for a platform when he can still hold a

television audience, or an

Oxford Senior Common Room,

spellbound. But we owe him a

debt for giving the earldom a

new lease of life. Perhaps that

was his principal motive.

Whether it was or not, nobody is

better suited to keep this ancient

title alive than the politician

who, more than any other of our

time, has infused his practical

politics with so strong a sense of

was very gracious".

she did not offer me the

BELTED AT NINETY

Earldoms came in with Canute his public spending to the like an urbane sage, whose and only the most churlish demands of his Chancellor, Mr worldly-wise political tactics egalitarians will take no pleasure Peter Thorneycroft, and the from the news that they were not, after all, doomed to pass from our history by the precedent apparently set when Mr Harold Wilson refused to recommend any hereditary peerages. In accordance with logic. Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, as he now is, was only offered (and presumably would only have accepted) a life peerage instead of the earldom customarily bestowed on former Prime Ministers. Now his old adversary, Mr Harold Macmillan, the begetter of both the life peerage system and the right to disclaim hereditary peerages, has celebrated his 90th birthday by accepting the earldom he had resisted for 21 years. He has, after all, decided to give future generations the chance to recall his own distinction and achievements in the title of his descend-

In the minds of most of us (despite the endeavours of social historians to make us think differently) history weaves itself largely round the deeds, names and titles of famous men, and it accords with our feeling for continuity that the description earl (even though no demesne goes with it) should stilloccasionally be available for men of special distinction. though hereditary peerages should not again become an

everyday honour. Mr Harold Macmillan is a man for whom public affection has grown with the passing years, even while the economic policies associated with his Prime Ministership have become outmoded. They are policies which under Mrs Thatcher (who has done her hest to reverse them) would be described as Wet. Indeed, when Mr Macmillan refused to temper

other two Treasury Ministers. Mr Enoch Powell and Mr Nigel Birch, he was acting in obedience to the intellectual hegemony of neo-Keynesianism which prevailed throughout politics until the backbench revolution which replaced Mr Edward Heath by

Mrs Thatcher. It was his government also which inaugurated the fashion for incomes policies (by which Mr Heath was destroyed politically three parliaments later) and for attempts to promote economic growth and prosperity by planning organizations (indicative planning was the term of the time) which paved the way for much that Mr Wilson's government attempted. The idea that began with "Neddy" under Mr Macmillan achieved its crescendo and collapse with Mr George Brown's National Plan.

Yet though he pursued expansion too avidly, Mr Macmillan did, by the creation of prosperity for a very great number of people, create a new popular Conservatism which was among his greatest achievements. He restored the Conservative Party after the demoralization of Suez; he preserved an independent nuclear deterrent for Britain while playing a major part in the Test Ban treaty; by his political attitudes and initiatives he did a

great deal for social unity. Indeed, so successful was his popular Conservatism that he virtually drove the Labour Party into trying to shed its socialist fundamentalism under Gaitskell and Wilson, and if the Conservatives had achieved one further term under Macmillan, they would have changed the terms of reference in British politics.

In his day. Mr Macmillan dominated the political scene

science, but they have little or no

numbers of mature students should be brought in to leaven the mixture, as in Sweden, has traditionally been opposed by the argument that this would not be fair to the nation or the NHS, as such graduates' service life would be lower than that of school leavers.

able and with a background in to the overall quality of their

history.

lation than do England and Wales.

rationalization between schools may be prudent and efficient; but the main thrust should be to improve the quality of the graduate and not to respond naively to apparently clear" implications of manpower arithmetic.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Avoiding pitfalls in pregnancies

From Dr R. G. Edwards and Dr P. C.

Sir. A spate of reports has described the birth of twins, triplets and quadruplets following fertilization in vitro. Obviously, multi-pregnancies can be established without much difficulty by placing two or more embryos into a patient. There must be social and medical reservations of the Commonwealth. about the advisability of having too many babies at one time.

Twins can perhaps be managed by most parents, but how about triplets. quadruplets and more? The situation with test-tube babies is obviously different to the use of fertility drugs, where the number of embryos entering the womb cannot

be predicted with similar accuracy.

Replacing two or three embryos raises the chances of a woman becoming pregnant, but what should be the maximum number? The answer may depend on a variety of factors, for example the mother herself and her age. It is also possible that the first embryo implanting in its mother may help a second and third which might otherwise die, so that many pregnancies become

multiple.

On the evidence of our work so far, we believe that replacing three embryos is sufficient to avoid most of the pitfalls of multi-pregnancies while at the same time increasing the chance of pregnancy adequately. Others may believe that replacing more will add a further increment to the chances of becoming pregnant and the increased incidence of triplets and quadruplets is accept-

Surely, the number of embryos replaced in a mother should be restricted until the consequences of replacing two or three are known. Some guidelines are clearly necessary; this could be another topic for reference to the Warnock com-

mittee. We are your obedient servants, R. G. EDWARDS, PATRICK STEPTOE, Bourn Hall Clinic, Bourn Hall, Bourn, Cambridge.

Tito and Alexander

From Miss Elisabeth Barker Sir, In connexion with Timothy Gardam's letter (January 20) on Field Marshal Alexander's responsibility for the repatriation of anti-Tito Yugoslavs in May, 1945, it is perhaps worth pointing out that there is no need to go to American records to establish this.

In the Public Record Office in Kew there are documents showing that on May 15 Alexander sent a request to Tito to accept "approximately 200,000 Yugoslav nationals who were serving in German armed forces" who had surrendered to the British and "to arrange with GOC Five Corps the rate which they can be received and handing-over point on Austrian frontier south of Klagenfurt for return to Austria"

(WO 202/319 FX 75902). I am told by those who are in a far better position to know than I am that this request could not possibly have been sent in Alexander's name without his knowledge and approval. It also seems totally under-standable why he made it. At that moment he was under instruction to close the Austrian frontier to Tito's forces (and to induce the Tito forces already inside Austria to withdraw), but at the same time "to avoid a clash with the Yugoslav forces except in self-defence" and "to hold

the position without using force. This was mainly because President Truman had not yet agreed to the use of force. Alexander had one division in Austria to cope with this situation and with the many thousands of disintegrating enemy formations, German, Cossack, Hungarian and various types of Yugoslavs. Given these circumstances, fair-minded people would, I think, not be in too much of a hurry to throw stones.

At least the events of May, 1945, do not seem to have haunted on her authority (that is, not 'on Alexander unduly. In March, 1953 as just-released British documents show - he helped to welcome Marshal Tito to London and, as Defence Minister, had talks with him on closer cooperation against aggression in Europe (meaning Soviet aggression). Yours truly,

ELISABETH BARKER, 7A Queen's Road, Richmond, Surrey.

Off the track From Sir David Hunt

Sir. Why is it that no one and nothing has a record any more but only a track record? I notice the Chief Secretary of the British Railways Board (February 7) rejects the suggestion that their track record is poor, though some commuters might disagree with that, he was actually referring to archives.

The pointless pleonasm is all the more inexplicable in that we call them race courses in England, not race tracks. I have the honour to be, Sir, your

obedient servant, DAVID HUNT, The Athenaeum, Pall Mall, SW1.

Aerial pictures

From Mr John Wright

Sir. Dr Tom Hassall's letter (January 21) raises several interesting points. Ten years ago the Royal Geographical Society published - and has recently reprinted - a 12-page pamphlet, which I was asked to write, entitled "Air Photographs for Small Expeditions", as part of its institute. advice to these.

nothing not set out in greater detail

The Queen's role in Commonwealth

From Professor Anthony Low Sir, May I offer some comments on

your latest leader on "Queen and Commonwealth" (February 6)? 1. The Queen's position as Head of the Commonwealth does not derive principally from the United Kingdom's Royal Titles Act but from the aggregate of such ascriptions by the many independent member nations

2. So many other people regularly wear several different hats simultaneously and successfully, and of various sizes too, so why not the

3. The all-up cost of royal tours is infinitely greater for host countries than for the United Kingdom. We British taxpayers get remarkable value from the Queen being Head of the Commonwealth. Our quite modest financial outlay provides no warrant for British ministers proceeding to arrogate to themselves a special right to advise the Head of the Commonwealth on her handling of the role. That really would cause an uproar.

4. By all accounts the Queen knows very well that it is an inescapable fact that occasions can arise when responsibilities as a constitutional monarch would put her quite "on her own with her private advisers". In recent months that in public view has been the experience of the Governor of Queensland, the Yang di Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, and the Governor General of Grenada. It is why such positions are ultimately so onerous. But the Head of the Commonwealth is not as such a monarch, and has no like constitutional responsibilities, so the inherent problem is in this connection in principle decidedly smaller.

5. Surely in practice, too, It was an imaginative and sensible innovation to include an interview with Mrs Gandhi, the chairman of the 1983 Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting, in the Queen's 1983 broadcast. If (to pick up your argument) Sir Robert Muldoon continues as Prime Minister of New Zealand long enough to chair some future Heads of Government meet-ing it would be perfectly appropriate for him to be on her programme too.

The Commonwealth is no longer the Empire in new clothes. Nor is it a "chimera" (Mr Powell, feature, January 26). No Australian Prime

Minister in recent years has troubled much about coming to London, except to pay respects to the Queen of Australia. What would be the point? But they have been assiduous in attending Commonwealth conferences, since nowhere else can they encounter three dozen or more of their kind and at first hand test the

temperatures right around the globe. They know, as we should, that the Commonwealth has turned out to be the most useful (and thankfully unspectacular) cross-national, crosscontinental, cross-cultural insti-tution that a shrinking and troubled world possesses. Thanks not least to the Royal Family it has lately been developing its style very well.

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY LOW. Churchill College. Cambridge.

From Mr Jack Shapiro

Sir. Your editorial on Queen and Commonwealth rightly says that her position as Head of the Commonwealth is symbolic. You then say, "But one must beware of subjecting symbols to the austere stare of the logician or the jurist". Yet that is what you proceed to do for the rest

of the editorial.

The Queen in her own inimitable way wished to indicate that she was in sympathy with the need for the civilized world and especially at Christmas, to give thought to the possibility of redressing the acute imbalance between the rich and poor nations. The greed of the former and the despair of the latter

merit such sympathy.

The need to restore Britain's greatness is not achieved in military prowess in the Falklands or Beirut, but in the need to rethink the idea of the Commonwealth so that the word is full of meaning and gives the Queen, as Head of the Commonwealth, a stature that no logic or juristic title could bestow. Yours faithfully, JACK SHAPIRO, 100 Brim Hill, N2. February 7.

Pensions power

From Mr Brian E. Müchell Sir. Your leading article (Finance and Industry, January 18) shares both the conclusions of the Centre for Policy Studies on portable pensions and the facile nature of their arguments.

We are told that today's system inhibits job mobility, concentrates funds in the hands of the institutions and divorces people from control of personal savings. In order to succeed the argument must not only be valid, but portable pensions would have to produce an improvement. One or both conditions are absent on each point.

However much loss of pension rights ought to inhibit job mobility there is no evidence that it does do so. Indeed, forthcoming early leaver legislation is to protect scheme members from the consequences of changing jobs irrespective of loss of pension rights.

It seems highly improbable that generally individuals would invest more enterprisingly than pension fund managers. The average individual seems likely to invest more conservatively than a fund manager, not less.

Attitudes to freeports

From the Chief Executive of West Midlands County Council Sir, The article by Jock Bruce-Gardyne in The Times (January 25) is somewhat puzzling, because it does not clearly state whether he is only against a freeport at Prestwick, or against the principle of freeports.

So far as the former is concerned, then it would obviously be inappropriate for me to comment, but on the question of the principle, then this has already been accepted by government after a searching inquiry and, perhaps more importantly, has been welcomed industry and commerce, especially in the West Midlands.

The West Midlands' submission is by no means a last effort of a dving region, rather is it further evidence of a vigorous approach and determination to win back to the area their former economic pros-

The proposal meets all the criteria laid down by government. The airport site is available and serviced. Private sector finance has been secured and there will be no burden on either the taxpayer or the ratepayer. In addition, there is substantial evidence of firm demand. This, together with the support of the Birmingham Chamber of industry & Commerce, makes it a favourable proposition which should receive serious consider-

its acceptance by government would do much to encourage the offorts already made by industry and

of Air Photography. The RGS also circulated a questionnaire to several foreign governments asking for details of their air photo records and how copies could be obtained. Over 40 replies were received and filed at the society and it was clear that the most common holder was the national survey department, or, in some cases, a national geographical

The replies also showed a not unexpected correlation between each country's good relations with its

If, sensibly seeking spread, he invests in unit trusts or insurance policies, investment would still be in the hands of the institutions. If he behaves as the CPS would like and invests more freely in risk enterprises, what happens to the unsuccessful (it being in the nature of risk

enterprises that some will fail)? Services to "better" investment may or may not benefit the economy; they will certainly not necessarily benefit the individual.

The objective of occupational pension arrangements is not to provide power, it is to provide pensions. However much room there may be for improvement in member participation in pension scheme management, scheme managers and their members have this objective in

common. One doubts that this could be said of the advocates of portable pensions, whose objectives seem orientated towards political and financial change rather than the more effective provision of retirement benefits.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully. BRIAN E. MITCHELL 18 Hendrick Avenue, SW12. January 18.

commerce in this area to secure their own salvation. It would be a further opportunity to demonstrate the potential strength of this region and its ability to adapt to changing circumstances.

The half-hearted approach of Lord Bruce-Gardyne might or might not be a true reflection of attitudes elsewhere in this country. It certainly does not reflect the attitude of the West Midlands.

Yours faithfully, J. D. HENDER, Chief Executive, West Midlands County Council, Lancaster Circus. Birmineham. January 25.

Palm House at Kew

From the Secretary of the Victorian Society

Sir, The Victorian Society wholeheartedly supports the views expressed by Dr Edward Diestelkamp regarding the proposed reconstruc-tion of the Palm House at Kew (January 25).

It might be supposed that this Grade I listed building would be subject to normal listed building legislation. Not so, because the Palm House is a Crown building and is exempt from these controls.

Last September the Property Services Agency organised a presentation, at which they described their sweeping plans for the reconstruction of the building and reorganis-

and, of course, the Central Register archaeologists, the Ordnance Survey, with its expertise and its offices throughout the country, would seem to be the organization best equipped to hold the records and index maps of all recent and future photographs, especially those which could be used for supplementing its maps.

> National institutions like the RGS should also hold information about where these photographs can be seen and obtained. And whatever is decided it would seem to be a good moment to change the register's unfortunate name.

Robust way with hedgerows

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From Mr George Curtis Sir. Though I farm in Constable's country I do not know which patch of dirt is the subject of the vandalisation programme that so infuriates the noble Lord Melchett (February 6). I do. however, grow very weary of the continued onslaughts on farmers by the likes of

As a conservationist he should know by now that an essential part in the preservation of any worth-while hedge is its periodic razing to the ground: without such regular. and drastic, action it will merely

self-destruct over time. It is for this reason that Essev farmers have, for generations, cut their hedges to the ground every

fifteen to twenty years.

In passing, it is worth noting that many hedges, particularly those of blackthorn, were in fact planted to be razed at far more frequent intervals - they supplied the faggots that were used to heat the ovens that so many houses still contain and were cropped every five years or so until comparatively recently. To survive as nedges they must be razed

every decade or so. I have little sympathy with my lord's bleating about the reinstatement of field in lieu of railway line.'
It was field before the railway came and he and his co-signatories would; have been the first to object to its

arrival. The noble lord, like others of his persuasion, has a touching belief in the powers of planners, despite the fact that every society that relies on their services for progress makes. little or none. The notion that committees of professional aesthetes shall be convened where er a hedge shall be cut is worthy of a whole opera from Gilbert and Sullivan.

Yours faithfully. GEORGE CURTIS. Dalebrook House. Dedham, Colchester. Essex.

February 6.

From Mr Colin Dickinson Sir. Clearly, Lord Hampden, who wrote (February 8) accusing Lord, Melchett and friends (February 6) of abysmal ignorance of the countryside, has never visited Courtyard. Farm where there have been established new hedgerows, belts of trees (where previously there were aeroplane runways), ponds and where in every possible way there is care and concern for the welfare of

wildlife in the area. In addition there are signposted. walks and parking areas open to the public at all times. Delightful and highly educational open days are held at the farm and, by arrange ment, parties of walkers, naturalists,

etc. are made most welcome. All this is combined with an efficient, productive and profitable, farm business and is a splendid. example to the farming community of East Anglia and elsewhere - even in Sussex!

Yours etc. COLIN DICKINSON, Wootton Rise, Priory Lane, South Wootton, King's Lynn, February 8.

The lost leader

From Mr P. E. Buxton Sir, In your third leader today, (February 4) you vastly underesti-mate the affection which many people feel for the old fourth leaders.

Although too young to have enjoyed them when first printed, I avidly collect and devour the volumes of selected fourth leaders, with their delightful and witty dustjacket designs by Mr Osbert, Lancaster, which were once published annually. These happy and diverting little essays, with their gentle humour and "rueful com-ment" are ideal reading for a

reflective moment. The return of the fourth leader would be a welcome countervail to the often harrowing accounts of world events. Yours faithfully. P. E. BUXTON,

49 Randall Place, SE 10. February 4.

ation of its interior. These included. the replacement of all the wrought, iron glazing bars with stainless-steel, the removal of the plant shelves and

much of the cast iron floor grating and the changed layout of the paths. We consider the Palm House a building of such historic importance. that no such changes should be

made without the closest consul-. tation with experts in the field and the indispensable safeguard of the full listed building consent procedure. It is an appalling anomaly that the large number of historic buildings

which come under government control do not have the same degree of protection as that accorded to all other listed buildings. Yours faithfully.

JENNIFER FREEMAN, Secretary, The Victorian Society, Priory Gardens. Bedford Park, W4. February 6.

Watch this space

From Mr Leonard Blomstrand

Sir. One only has to look upon the shelves of one's local stationers for evidence of the transitory nature of marriage in the mid-1980s.

Yesierday I observed a sumptuously bound volume described as, Wedding Album - refillable". Yours etc

Medical arithmetic From Mr Richard Wakeford

Sir. The DHSS working party on medical manpower reportedly states that we need fewer medical graduates to fulfil the demands of the NHS. Numbers are deceptively simple things, though, and many involved in the training of doctors would disagree with the DHSS's anthmetic. But even if it is correct, the deduction that what is needed is to close a medical school, possibly, and to cut student numbers is illogical. It is also a potential waste of a resource that the country has striven to develop over the last

experence of other walks of life. The suggestion that substantial

Now this no longer applies, since the time of shortage of medical manpower has apparently passed. So we are in a position greatly to increase the proportion of mature entrants to medicine.

medical graduates and the patients would benefit. This is not to say that all is now

perfect and that improvements are not possible. Aberdeen, for example. is soon to be without five major clinical professors and Scotland as a whole produces nearly twice as many doctors per head of popu-In such circumstances some

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High Commissioner for India in quali London. 300P His Excellency Mr Oyuny Hosbayar and Madame Hosbayar were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extra-ordinary and Penipotentiary from the Mongolian People's Republic to the Court of St James's.

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Hamlyn. 58: Mr Anthony Howard. 50: Lord Moyola. 61: Mr J. M. Raisman, 55: Mr Franco Zeffirelli.

Resignations and retirements
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The Kandahar Ski Club celebrated at Murren its sixtleth anniversary on January 30. At the invitation of the Schilthornbahn a dinner was held in the Piz Gloria (at summit busine 10.000 feet). One hundred and contral eighty were present. Speeches were to be ir made by Herr Ernst Feuz, president, Schilthornbahn; Mr Peter Lunn, president of the club, and Herr Marc Hodler, president, International Sk

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited ERA Technology Ltd (President, Mr F. J. Lane), at Leatherhead, Surrey.

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Wynn, RN was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE February 10: The Prince of Wales this morning arrived at Edge Hill Station, Liverpool in the Royal Train and subsequently spent the day at sea in HMS Walkerton. Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, RN was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE February 10: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were present this evening at the Kids 'n' Cops Charity Concert, in aid of the Townmead Youth Club, at Fulham Old Town Hall, London SW6. Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was

A memorial service for the Right Rev Dr John Robinson will be held in Trinity College Cambridge, at 2 pm today.

A memorial service for Mr C. F.

Williamson will be held at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, at 2.30 today. Lady Hacking gave birth to a son at St Thomas's Hospital on January 20.

Captain and Mrs John Arthur were Captain and Mrs John Arthur were the guests of honour at a dinner held by the Cruising Association last night at the Tower Hotel. The president, Mr Ewart Myer, was in the chair. The guests included:
The Chairman of the Cruising Committee (Saft and Power) of the Royal Yachting Association and Mrs Shefras and the Commodere of the Civic Cruising Club and Mrs McKeens.

Service dinner

39th (City of London) Signal Regiment (Volunteers) The Lord Mayor and Sir John Donaldson, accompanied by the Sheriffs, were the guests of honour at a dinner given by Lieutenant-Colonel M. V. Upson and officers of 39th (City of London) Signal Regiment (Volunteers) at 79/85 Worship Street, EC2, last night, Others present included:
The Mayor of Hactorey, Major-General R. Bentow. Signal Officer-in-Chief, Brigader H G Meachle, Director of the WRAC, and the Master of the Sanders' Company.



A stoneware ritual vessel from the Treasures of Korea exhibition, which opens at the British Museum on Thursday, comes under the scrutiny of Dr Han Byong-Sam, director of the National Museum of Kyongin. The exhibit was one of two similar vessels for Bell Tomb at Kyongju (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

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LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL (public invited, entry via Lincoln's inn Galeway); MP and Sermon, TD, Benedicius, A., Awale, my soul (Macpherson), Rev F V A

Sixth Sunday

after Epiphany

Mr J. A. B. Dorrica-Smith and Miss F. B. Smith

The engagement is announced ie, younger son of the late Lieutenant-Commander T. M. Hook, Hampshire, Dorrien-Smith, of Tresco Abbey. Isles of Scilly, and Lady O'Hagan, of Mr J. V. H. Merray Sutton Court, Somerset, and Frances, daughter of Mr Frank and Miss J. A. King

Folsom Smith of Sarasota, Florida. and Mrs Ann Angle, of Charlottes-

Mr T. G. S. Busher and Miss J. D. Almond The engagement is announbetween Tom, eldest son of Mrs John Busher and the late Major J. F. S. Busher, of Bishop's Waltham,

Almond, of Norwich, Norfolk.

M. Almond, of Norwich, Norfolk. Mr S. H. P. Edge-Partington and Miss S. J. Wilkinson

The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Edge-Partington, of Basing Cowden, Kent, and Susanna, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Wilkinson, of Bessels House, Companieds Kent. Sevenoaks, Kent.

and Miss J. Griffin

The engagement is announced between Anthony, elder son of Mr and Mrs E. A. Gobie, of Headington, Oxford, and Janne, elder daughter of Mrs Marse Griffin and the late Mr K. H. Griffin, of Oxford. Mr D. G. A. Jackson

and Miss N. Bryant

The engagement is announced between Dirik, son of the late Allan Jackson and of Mrs C. M. A. Jackson, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. . Bryant, of Thornton Heath, Ѕштеу.

Mr A. Johnson and Miss C. E. Mantell The engagement is announced between Adrian Johnson, of Number 1, The Park, Highgate, and

Clare Elizabeth Mantell, of Fishers Wood, Sunningdale, Berkshire. Mr M. D. Kelleber and Dr D. J. Campbell -

The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Drand Mrs Denis Kelleher, of West Wickham, Surrey, and Dorothy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Campbell, of Harrow, Middleser Middles Mr S. King and Miss J. R. Hodgson

The engagement is announced between Steven, only son of Mr and Mrs T. King, of Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, and Janice Ruth, dest daughter of Dr and Mrs Lewis Hodgson, of Green Lanes, London, London N4. Mr M. Lavende

and Miss J. C. Dix The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. M. Lavender, of Durban, South Africa, and Julia Catherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs E. E. Dix, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

Mr R. Mackay and Miss A. C. Johnson

The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Dr and Mrs E. V. Mackey, of Ayot Green, Hertfordshire, and Clare. only daughter of Lieutenant-Colone Brighstone, Isle of Wight.

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Mr G. C. W. McNiel and Miss E. A. Priestley-Cooper

The engagement is announced between Gordon, son of the inte Mr C. McNiel, of Brandean, Hampshire, and the late Mrs W. McNiel. and Anne, daughter of Captain and Mrs E. B. Priestley-Cooper, of

The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr C. J. Murray and of Mrs B. Murray, of Chiswick, formerly of Zimbahr and Judith, second daughter of 1 and Mrs A. H. King, of Bromley,

Mr C. J. Stamp and Miss A. M. Bogoslawska

The angagement is announced between Christopher Jeremy, only son of the late Denis Stump and Mrs Dorothy Smeeton, of Esher, Surrey, and Anne Marie, younger daughter of the late Konrad Boguslawski and Mrs Yolanda Romshawska

Mr L. T. van Hasselt and Miss A. Devilland

between Ludolph Theodorus, son of Mr and Mrs C. A. van Hasselt, of Laren. The Netherlands, and Annick, eider daughter of the late Mr L. J. Devillard and of Mrs E. O. Devillard, of Mer, France.

Marriages

Mr H. W. Ashton and Miss S. J. Scantlebury The marriage took place at Christ Church, Virginia Water, Smrey, on Saturday, January 28, of Mr Hubert Ashton, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. G. Ashton, of Wealdside, South Weald, Essex, and Miss Jane Scantlebury, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs I. W. Scantlebury, of Knowle Hill. Virginia Water The

ess was given by the Rev Simon marriage by her father, was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Helen Scantlebury, Miss Katie Ashton and Anna and Sian Joseph, Mr Jamie Featherby was

Knowle Hill, Virginia Water. The Rev John Kidd officiated and an

A reception was held at the Wentworth Club and the honey-moon is being spent in Devon and

and Miss A. Batwell

The marriage took place Guildford, on Wednesday, December 21, 1983, between Mr David Peters, of Ammanford, Dyfed, and Miss Anna Batwell, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian L. Batwell, of 13 Chancer Court, Guildford, Surrey.

Mr A. P. St. J. Quarry and Miss J. M. Wilkin

The marriage took place on Saturday, January 21, at St Mary's Church, Walton-on-Thames, between Mr Adam Philip St John Quarry and Miss Judith Mary

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Miss Claire Beadon, Miss Carol Alexander, Miss Miranda Berker and Alexander Corbett Burcher. of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent in India.

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Anthony Storey

New law contrary to natural justice There is in my parish a hospital with Mandeville Hospital and the

a large modern Young Disabled unit to which I am chaplain, and in Col though I think I understand them and my to be with them, it was deeply disturbing to experience the bewilderment and even anger that greeted me after the Nottingham case concerning the marriage of a disabled former soldier.
The more so in that I believe their

Cha instinct is right and that the new land canon law (C 1084) is quite simply unacceptable as it stands. It is contrary to natural justice, it is 49/50 O theologically defective and requires Many physically disabled people

many an able-bodied partner; some then make a home, adopt a family RE and achieve lives of fulfilmen peyond what many of us could hope for. As Roman Catholics they must SUCCE : icincelorth go to the register office if they wish the legal protection for (FOR purchasing a house or adopting children, and yet by so doing they put themselves out of the Church.

The disabled are penalized (enough without our adding further disabilities unhinted at by any word of the Lord in Scripture or early

Take natural justice first. In English law I believe such a marriage is voidable but not void; that is, it stands but it may be developed by groups such as Stoke

terminated. If, for example, after marriage, one party is found to be impotent the marriage is voidable if the other party so wishes since the sexual exchange is clearly substantial to the normal marriage consent.

In Roman Catholic law this is also applied in the case of one partner's refusal to consummate. But if both parties are willing to live so, the marriage stands. I think at once of one Roman Catholic case there impotence was revealed after marriage. They have lived fine lives for 20 years and have adopted children.

According to the new canon law their marriage is not only voidable, but void: they are not married. This is unbelievable, that they received no sacrament when married in our Church 20 years ago.

Surely their lack of knowledge did not void the sacrament but did render it voidable. And had they known the situation prior to marriage and still chosen to go shead, in what would their consent have differed? Canon 1084 incidentally allows no such distinction declaring both cases null in 1 and 2. The position today has an added ingency arising from the great advances in medical care of the disabled and the ever unfolding

wonders of aids and equipment

Possum Users Association. The disabled are not a few isolated individuals, but multitudes of splendid men and women to whom the Church now refuses marriage. "Antecedent and perpetual impotence . . . by its very nature invalid rge"C1084. Let us look at the

Clearly the physical expression of intercourse has never been required for marriage. Old folk come to us infrequently and marry in know of death-bed marriages; we read of married canonized saints praised for their perpetual contimarry Our Lady by the angel in his

So, it is not the physical expression but the physical ability to express that makes or unmakes the marriage. Perhaps, facetiously, one might suggest that an impotent priest cannot be truly called celibate. In what passage of Holy Scripture is all this to be found? Earlier Old ament texts make procreation central to marriage, especially for the first building up of the chosen people. By the time of Ezechiel, Isaiah and Hosea, the image of husband and wife, the Lord and His

Songs, children have no mentio In the revelation of Our Lord there is not one text that speaks of children as the purpose of marriage that Jesus says is about relationship. His own coming being that of bridgeroom. His first "sign" being a wedding. His central redemptive message being the restoration of Man and Woman as equal, at one, and unashamed.

And if one wished to take the words two in one flesh with sexual literalness, one would deny marriage to Mary and Joseph and to many Christian people. When we turn to St Paul, there is no mention of procreation as bein

central to or even touching the

nature of marriage. But he has much to say about relationships, and in

Ephesians reflects exactly magery of God's kind of loving and the new Israel's response.

Man and Woman have the right to image that, and it is an injustice to refuse it to a whole multitude of our brothers and sisters in Christ. That particular canon requires more than the making of exceptions for individual cases. It requires amend-

chaplain to the young disabled unit. Castle Hill Hospital. Cottingham, North Humberside.

Brief tenure as Soviet leader Mr Yuri Andropov, who succeeded Leonid Brezhnev as General Secretary of the

communist Party of the Soviet Union on November 12, 1982, and became head of state on June 16, 1983 died on February 9 at the age of 69.

OBITUARY

Andropov's prolonged illness the seriousness of which was never publicly acknowledged by Soviet spokesmen as long as he was alive - meant that the brisk pace which he quickly set both in international diplomacy and in dealing with the problems of the faltering Soviet economy could not be sustained.

His initial style of leadership, while alarming for the more idle corrupt members of the Soviet clite - to whom Andropov was relentlessly opposed - was welcomed by the average Russian. There is still in the Soviet Union a hankering for a strong leader and there was a feeling that the last years of Brezhnev's leadership had been characterized by drift and a lack of a sense of direction.

If he achieved nothing else, Andropov began a badly needed process of rejuvenation of the Soviet political elite which had become older under Brezhnev's indulgent leadership than at any time in Soviet history.

However, even though the apparently ageless Gromyko the Soviet Embassy in Budapest was always at hand to provide as Counsellor and charge continuity to Soviet foreign d'affaires and was given the policy, the voice of the USSR in rank of Ambassador in 1954. was Andropov's four years in nternatinal diplomacy probably less generally heard Budapest (he remained there during the past six months than until 1957) put him on the spot would have been had Andropov been physically fit. uper nal challenge since the end of was the Second World War, Andro-Dialogue between the super powers, already difficult, rendered almost impossible pov was responsible for advis-when the leader of one of the ing Moscow on the situation in super powers was slowly dying.

Andropov's path to the most powerful post within the Soviet Union was an unusual one. Unlike his two immediate predecessors, he did not come from a working class family background and, alone among General Secretaries, he had spent a lengthy period in charge of the country's security organs
- as Chairman of the KGB from May 1967 until May 1982 - on his way to the party leadership.

Hungarian revolution

revolution' in Hungary prior to

1956 and advised him that

Matyas Rakosi should be

removed from the leadership of the Hungarian party. Andropov

was an early supporter of Janos Kadar, with whom he estab-

lished relations of trust and to whom he continued to extend

his support when Kadar re-

placed initial repression, follow-

ing the turmoil of 1956, with a

gradual liberalisation from the

Andropov, at this time, still

had some responsibility for

what was happening in Hunga-

ry, though these responsibilities

had been greatly extended to

include all ruling Communist

appointed by Khrushchev to head the Central Committee

Department of Relations with

Communist and Workers' Par-

ties of Socialist Countries

though Khrushchev himself

retained an overall responsi-

when Khrushchev was still First

Secretary of the Soviet party, he

considerable expertise on the

time was doubtless devoted to

the Sino-Soviet dispute which

was the most important issue

with which he had to grapple

during his ten years in charge of

the Socialist Countries depart-

Though Sino-Soviet relations

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deteriorated as the Chinese

underway, the knowledge of the

rest of the Communist world

a much more anti-Stalin line

Relations between Andropov

beginning of the 1960s.

Yuri Vladimirovich Andropov was born at the railway station of Nagutskaya in the Stavropol region of Russia on June 15, 1914, Soviet reference books note that his father was a collar railway employee". He may well have been a station master, though since it has been deemed desirable for Soviet leaders to have proletarian origins, this is nowhere stated. Interestingly, almost the first action Andropov took when he became General Secretary of the party was to criticise the running of the railways and to sack and replace the minister responsible for the railway system. Andropov left school at the

parties. In 1957 he had been age of 16 in 1930 and between then and his eighteenth birthday had experience of several different types of work - as a telegraph boy, as a trainee cinema projectionist and as a boatman on the Volga - before and, after him, Mikhail Suslov, entering a technical institute in Rybinsk to study water trans-portation. He had been a bility for this area. He held this post until 1967 and in 1962. member of the Komsomol (Young Communist League) since the age of 16 and it was as a Komsomol organizer in a shipyard that he began his fullwas given the rank of Secretary of the Central Committee of the party. During this time. Androtime political career in 1936. pov undoubtedly accumulated

In the late 1930s he was a secretary, and subsequently first secretary, of the Komsomol regional organization in Yaros-lavl. In 1940 he became first secretary of the Komsomol in what was then the Karelo-Finnish republic. This work in Karelia gave him a number of valuable contacts, including Otto Kuusinen, the Finnish Communist who had been a leading figure in the Comintern and who was later to become one of the top party leaders under Khrushchev, and Nikolai Ogarkov who, at the time when Andropov succeeded Brezhnev as party leader, was a Marshal of the Soviet Union and chief of the general staff. During the war Ogarkov fought on the Karelian front where Andropov, in his capacity as local Komsomol head, was involved in organizational work rather than active combat, and especially the organization of army supplies.

When the capital of Karelia, Petrozavodsk, returned to Soviet hands in 1944, Andropov moved from Komsomol to party work, becoming second secretary of the city party committee. In 1947 he became second secretary of the Central Committee of the Karelian autonomous republic and in 1951 - two years before Stalin's death - he was transferred to within the party apparatus, Suslov. the apparatus of the Central Committee in Moscow as a section head of a department.

and Suslov were said to be cool During his years of party work in Karelia, Andropov supplemented the limited, techand it was apparently at Suslov's instigation that Andropov was moved out of the nical higher education he had Secretariat of the Central previously received by part. Committee in 1967 and aptime study at the Petrozavodsk pointed Chairman of the KGB. nical higher education he had previously received by part-By this time Brezhnev had University (founded in 1940) succeeded Khrushchev, but was and at the Higher Party School, still only primus inter pares but his formal higher education within a collective leadership in remained limited. If it be true that he knew English, it would which Suslov wielded substanappear that he acquired that tial authority. Though Androknowledge by private study as pov lost the power base which late as during his chairmanship the Secretariat represented, he of the KGB. ambiguous one) in the KGB, In 1953 Andropov was and the move could not be read

moved from party work to the as a demotion for he was diplomatic service. He went to simultaneously accorded candi-

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PRESIDENT ANDROPOV

buro. Thus began Andropov's 15year stint as head of the Soviet security organs. During this time a successful campaign was waged against the dissident where the Soviet Union was to movement in the Soviet Union. Andropov's predecessor as head face probably its greatest exterof the KGB had wished to deal with dissidents more drastically and had proposed the arrest of ing Moscow on the situation in 1,000 intellectuals in Moscow Hungary in the period immedialone. The policy which Andropov adopted, and which clearly ately prior to the Hungarian revolution in 1956 and took an had the full backing of the active part in the crushing of Politburo, was less crude. Even the signing of a petition could lead to the loss of a job for the that revolution when it came. His activities in Hungary illustrated more than one facet person concerned, but those of his character. He demonwho heeded KGB warnings strated his toughness and even were not normally imprisoned. For those who persisted in their ruthlessness by playing his part in the suppression of the dissent, the penalties (or re-On the other hand, Andropov mission to emigrate. is said to have warned Khrushchev of the dangers of 'counter-

> of the KGB's responsibilities under Andropov, and while the manner in which it was carried relatively 'liberal' image which Andropov had acquired with a section of the party intelligentof the Central Committee, it was probably not Andropov's major concern as KGB chair-man. Organized dissent was never strong enough for its repression to pose serious difficulties other than the effect that this might have on world opinion. Thus, fame (as in the 5 01 Andrei Sakharov and Alexander Solzhenitsyn) usually protected a political dissenter from the extremes of harsh treatment and more than a quarter of a million Jews and several tens of thousands of Soviet Germans were permitted to emigrate during the period of

detente in the 1970s. Andropov's main task was presumably to channel intelligence information to the Politburo (of which he became a full member in 1973). The KGB's intelligence-gathering activities at home and abroad should have made Andropov the bestproblems (and also the successes) of Eastern Europe, though a significant part of his informed member of the Politburo in terms of the extent of his knowledge both of domestic problems and of the politics and policies of other countries. Until he became KGB chairman, Andropov's career experience had done nothing to enhance his knowledge of the West, Fifteen years as KGB chairman may have done much to rectify that, even if it remained a second-hand knowledge. When he became General Secretary at the age of 68 in 1982, Andropov had still never

visited a Western country. which Andropov acquired in Two deaths in 1982 facilithis period was one of the considerable advantages he tated Andropov's accession to possessed when he became the top post in Soviet politics. party General Secretary some When Suslov died in January of 15 years later. Another asset that year, this not only created a was that he formed a team of vacancy in the Secretariat but consultants within his Central removed an obstacle to Andropov's further political pro-motion. At the next session of Committee department which included some talented individuals (among them, Georgi Arbatov and Alexander Bovin) the Central Committee - in May 1982 - Andropov became a Secretary of the Central who almost certainly were of great value to him as policy Committee while retaining his voting membership of the Politburo. With Brezhnev's advisers during his General Secretaryship. The group inhealth declining, the subsequent cluded a number of people who were particularly committed to months saw a good deal of the anti-Stalinist aspects of jostling for power among his Khrushchev's programme and, possible successors and, in indeed. Andropov himself took particular, between Konstantin Chernenko (Brezhnev's own than his immediate superior apparent favourite) and Andropov. Andropov's undout.ed ability, his reputation for toughness and decisiveness and his knowledge and experience of both domestic and foreign affairs appealed to a majority of the Politburo, and his superior qualifications to represent the Soviet Union internationally were apparently accorded particular importance by Defence Minister, Dmitri Usti-

> Brezhnev died on November 10, 1982. His death was announced on November 11 and the fact that it was simultaneously announced that Andropov would chair the commission responsible for the held during his first weeks 25 funeral arrangements indicated General Secretary.

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Gromyko, among

that the Politburo had already met and chosen Brezinev's successor. This was confirmed when the very next day the party Central Committee was convened and formally elected Andropov General Secretary. His election was proposed by his defeated rival, Chernenko, who noted that the Politburo had instructed him to make the speech of recommendation of Andropov.

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Andropov lost no time in answering the calls of those among his supporters who insisted on the need for more discipline within Soviet society. A "law and order" campaign was instituted which included a strong emphasis on work discipline and attempts to deal with the problem of absenteeism. Even in his early months as leader. Andropov, however, dropped several hints that discipline on its own would not cure the ills of the Soviet economy and that economic reform was being considered. He spoke of giving more independence to industrial enterprises and of the need to link improved performance more closely with material

Andropov also took early initiatives in foreign policy. Reclearly had hopes of strengthearing the unity of the Communistre camp and adopted a conciliatory attitude towards China. He tried to woo. Western Europe away from the Reagan administration's position on arms control and indicated that the Soviet Union was ready for serious negotiations on arms reduction, though not on the basis of President Reagan's "zero option". The victory of Helmut Kohl and the Christian Democrats over Hans-Jochen Vogel and the Social Democrats in the German general election of March 1983 came as a partial setback to Andropov's foreign policy, but in general he showed considerable adroitness and flexibility in the pursuit of Soviet aims, and in inter-national diplomatic exchanges put the United States somewhat on the defensive by appearing wards) could range from labour to pursue a moderation of the camp to deportation to per- arms race with greater zest than that displayed by Washington.

The shooting down on September 1 of the Korean While combatting political September 1 of the Korean and nationalist dissent was one airliner, resulting in the death of all 269 people on board, was, however, a serious setback for Andropov's campaign to influout did nothing to enhance the ence West European opinion against the deployment of Pershing and cruise missiles.

Though it subsequently became sia during his years in the clear that the Soviet military Socialist Countries department decision to shoot down the jumbo jet was taken in ignorance of the fact that it was a passenger aircraft, the incident damaged the Soviet Union's international standing and put Andropov much more on the defensive. It was not until September 28 that he himself made a statement on the affair. and even then it was not broadcast by him personally.

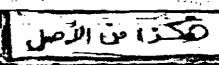
Though Andropov had in several respects significantly strengthened his political authority during his year of office. he was hampered by declining health. His last meeting with foreigners was on August 18 when he met a group of American Senators in Kremlin. They noted Andropov's mental alertness, while confirming previous reports of his physical frailty, said to be caused by kidney and heart ailments.

His health problems made it difficult for Andropov to pursue with vigour the domestic shakeup and foreign policy initiatives with which he had begun. Yet he remained in command of the Soviet political hierarchy until the end. In May, 1983, Marshal Ustinov announced that Andropov was already chairman of the State Defence Council, and in the following months Andropoy succeeded to the chairmanship of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet (the formal headship of state) which had remained vacant since Brezhnev's death.

The seriousness, however, of Andropov's illness became abundantly clear in November and December last year. He missed the anniversary cel-chrations of the Bolshevik Revolution on November 7, the first time a Soviet party leader had done so. More important, when the central committee of the party had its second plenary session of the year in late December Andropov was too ill

Yet it seems likely that at that time either Andropov's doctors still held out some hope of his recovery or his stronger supporters succeeded in persuading their colleagues that this was a possible outcome. At any rate, not only did Pravda give pride of place to a long statement from Andropov personally which had been read out to the assembled Central Committee members, but the same plenary session approved the promotion several Andropov appointees. At the regional level, par-the turnover of party secretaries during the last month or so of nov. and the Foreign Minister. Andropov's life.

> It must in fact be accounted Andropov's misfortune that he reached the top post when he himself was in such a state of physical decline that he could not provide the vigorous and more flexible leadership of which some promise had been



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Pulling power of the new pools



manager if they have any complaints. And he talks constantly of the needs of have any he talks different "user-groups", and the need for flexibility.

activities that makes Butlins look like a rest camp. From 7.45 am to 9 am, the pools are reserved for members of the 'Early Bird Club" (membership by subscription); from 9 am to noon they are used by schools. and in the afternoons they are open to the public at half-price, mainly for the benefit of the unemployed. On several evenings, they are confined to the over-25s, and there are special lunchtime sessions for the over-50s and "mothers and toddlers". The various different open and close at fferent times.

Besides the swimming, there yoga classes. Children's parties can be arranged, and a series of

Christmas party at a public swimming-bath? Admission to this wonderland costs adults 90p and children just 45p; adults get in for 45p in the

afternoon.

The Fulham system may seem hyper-organized, but no one could fail to be impressed by the efforts made to cater for every kind of customer, Infants for instance, which few same mothers would ever previously have taken along to the public swimming-baths, are provided with play-pens by the poolside, nappy-changing benches, and high-chairs in the restaurant. There are are excellent facilities for the disabled.

There have been complaints. is a sauna, solarium, spa bath, like the fact that the pool is beauty treatments, keep fit and never open after 8.30 pm. But experiments in late opening have proved that there is not

Antique antics: baths at Charing Cross, 1875 (above), and Chiswick (1926)

Christmas parties will be organized this year for the first time.

A few years ago, who would have dreamed of having a staff can respond quickly to any sufficient demand. Mr Butcher King Alfred pool in Hove costs suggestions.

His attitude is typical of the new consumer-conscious style of leisure-pool managers. Allen Sugg, deputy manager of the King Alfred pool at Hove, says: Leisure pools give people more opportunity to express them-selves. I think it's like the introduction of adventure play-

Mike Robertson, manager of the Bletchley Leisure Centre, whose clover-leaf-shaped pool is mainly shallow water, says that initial opposition was overcome when serious swimmers were given the option of swimming newly-built competition pools within the borough. The leisure pool still attracts far higher attendances than any of its competitors, which is not surprising in view of the low

admission price: entrance to the

adults 75p (children 35p); at adults and 23p (children).

All this is evidence of how far public swimming-baths have come since the first stages of their development in Britain after the First World War. (We were slow to learn from the Romans who built baths of a magnificence that has never been surpassed, even by American multi-millionaires!)

The turning-point was the introduction of swimming to the school curriculum, an idea put forward in a book called the Swimmer's Practical Manual. published in 1864. The suggestion was sound, even if the authors deserve more credit for their foresight than for their poetry:

To swim with ease, and confidence, and grace should in Great Britain have acknowledged place of recognition; and by law

be taught as freely as we're taught to read; forming a part in education's in every college, and in every school."

The advice was belatedly heeded and, with the help of a campaign in the News Chronicle in the 1930s, the first batch of municipal baths were built in Britain between the wars. There was then a full until the 1950s.

By then people on the Continent were beginning to dream up more inventive schemes, and in 1957 one of the

for the fate of the outdoor pool

first wave-pools was built, the Dianna baths, in Vienna, Such inspiration was notably lacking here where as late as 1970 the most notable advance had been changing the detergent from chlorine to sodium hyperchlorite, or chlorine mixed with ozone, which removes the pungent smell; heating methods

Now leisure pools are taking over and it would be absurd, in view of the evidence, to deny that they are what people want, or that they have introduced an enormous number to a healthy and enjoyable activity which they might otherwise never

have experienced. But one can be forgiven for feeling a twinge of regret at the accelerating rate of disappearance of open-air pools. Fifty-five outdoor pools have gone in the last five years and the Sports

definitely remain in 1992. Mike Fitziohn, of the Sports Council Research Unit in Manchester, says: Most openair pools date from the 1930s, and it's terribly difficult to make them pay their way these days, when they are only open

for up to 20 in the big coastal

Weston-super-Mare, in Avon, is the only place in Britain with a newly built open-air leisure follow suit. Elsewhere, the unpredictability of the weather. the need for economy, and fluctuations in holiday trade have made outdoor pools scarcely feasible. The French have experimented on a grand scale with the millionaire's favourite luxury, the indoor-/outdoor convertible pool; but even the most advanced domeshaped, energy-saving contraption seems unlikely to attract

many local authorities here. Increasingly, councils are looking at ways of sharing pools with schools, and grafting them onto sports centres, or vice versa. This sort of development has the double advantage of

spreading costs and providing extra facilities.

Perhaps those who want to swim and sunhathe are becoming more used to the idea of travelling abroad and are content with that. In spite of the seems little likelihood of any slowing of the trend towards indoor pools. As Mike Fitzjohn puts it: "Swimming habits have changed radically in the past few years. It's not a seaonal thing any more. Nowadays people expect to swim all the

rear round. That may be so, but there are still some of us who relish above all those few precious English summer days of Ambre Solaire and ice lollies, when there is nothing more exquisite than to lie in the sun until it hurts and then to rush headlong

into the cooling water.
We cling to the hope that it is not beyond the wit of tomorrow's architects and technicians to design an economical, per-haps convertible, open-air pool.



They have all the trappings of a tropical sunspot but they are here on our

doorsteps. Rupert Morris tests the water in the leisure pools which are

revolutionizing our idea of swimming

"Fulham Riviera" might give a better idea of the place, but it doesn't quite trip off the tongue. You would be unlikely to guess that inside the prosaicallynamed Fulham Pools are five separate pools: one with a wave-machine and islands with fountains; one for diving (with a porthole through which divers can be glimpsed underwater); one at the end of a water chute which twists

through an imitation rockery; a shallow one for teaching; and an "activity pool", of conventional rectangular shape. Nor would you expect palm trees and other tropical veg-ciation, and all the gaudy decor of the seaside. The point is that Hammersmith and Fulham, the Fulham Pools, in west London, like a rapidly increasing number of public swimming-baths in Britain, are part

the leisure-pool revo-

Gone - or at least going fast are the days when a visit to a public pool was acutely depressing, if not positively frightening. No longer is the hapless swimmer forced to shiver in the changing rooms, weep from the humourless liteguards only too anxious to enforce the long list of rules (no running, no jumping, no splashing etc). At last swimming, liberated from its worthy image of good, honest exercise, can be fun.

Palms, beaches and an atmosphere of the tropics

A leisure pool is more akin to a James Bond film set or something out of Disneyland than to the swimming-baths that some of us remember. The paim trees, the beaches, the gaudy decor are set in buildings heated to a temperature that is consonant with water kept at about 84°F. Wave-machines are a common feature, whipping up the water with air propelled by a fan through chambers hidden in the pool's walls. It is a place for the family, rather than the "serious" swimmer.

The new pools have proved a phenomenal popular success in the brief time since their introduction to Britain in the mid-1970s. They represent an extension of the "Sport for All" philosophy propounded by the Sports Council. A research document produced by the council recently shows that the next 10 years will see the building of more than 200 indoor pools, of which a third

probably the most spectacular, with water chutes and slides that emerge from an octopus, an elephant and a dragon, and a 25-metre surfing pool - complete with a wave-machine; the whole plastic-domed area is decorated like a tropical sunspot. Built in 1980 at a cost of £5m. it is Wales's foremost tourist attraction, with half a million visitors a year. It even makes a profit - something that hardly any other public baths could ever realistically comtemplate.

More typical than Rhyl, but scarcely less ambitious, is the project recently completed in London borough of which now boasts two splendid leisure pools at Fulham and the

They cost £7m but they have substantially reduced annual losses previously made on the borough's two indoor baths and one outdoor pool. which were demolished years ago. Whereas in 1977/8 251.000 people visited the old baths, this year - the first in which both the new ones will have been fully operational - about 900,000 are expected to come through the doors.

success, in percentage terms, has been achieved at the King Alfred Leisure Centre in Hove, near Brighton, where an annual figure of 81,500 swimmers has been transformed to 505,000 in the first year of the leisure pool's operation. The King Alfred pool may not enjoy the publicity of the nearby nudist beach, but it certainly attracts more swimmers. Brighton's oldfashioned indoor pools, meanwhile, have already noticed a sharp drop in attendances.

Even at Bletchley, near Milton Keynes, where one of the first leisure pools was built 10 years ago, attendances are

Tim Butcher, the 35-year-old manager of the Fulham and White City pools, verges on the messianic in his devotion to the concept. The big difference between the old municipal baths and pools like these is that we have applied marketing techniques", he says, producing a series of posters which won a

Sports Council award. Swimming pools are competing with other forms of entertainment. It's easy for people to turn on the television. To make them come here we've got to make it attractive. So there are no lists of dos and don'ts'. We don't treat people as Rushcliffe Leisure Centre potential hooligans, but as respectable customers, and we try to respond to their de-

The leisure pools of Britain, as notified to the Sports Council, are: Bletchley Leisure Centre, Princes Way, Bletchiey, MK2 2 HQ. (0908

Herringthorpe Leisure Centre, Middle Lane South, Rotherham. (0709 75197). Plas Madoc Leisure Centre, Acretair, Wrexham, Clwyd. (0978 Whitley Bay Leisure Centre, The

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Boundary Road, West Bridgford. Nottingham. (0602 234921). Magnum Leisure Centre, Irvine,

Northgate Arena, Victoria Road, Chester (0244 312024). South Shields Leisure Centre, Temple Memorial Park, South Shields, Tyne & Wear. Swansea Leisure Centre, Oystermouth Road, Swansea (0792 49126). Crowtree Leisure Centre, Crowtree Road, Sunderland, (0783 Elephant & Castle Recreation

Centre, 22 Elephant & Castle, London SE1 (01-582 5505). kroxbourne Leisure Pool, Broxbourne, Hertfordshire (Hoddesdon 42841). White City Pool, Bloemfontein Road, London W12 (01-743 3401). Great Yarmouth Marina Centre, Marine Parade, Great Yarmouth NR30 2ER (0493 51521). Britannia Leisure Centre, 40 Hyde Road, London N1 5JU (01-729

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Where you can swim away into the future (Romford 751525). Elswick Park Pool, Elswick Road, Elswick, Newcastle upon Tyne (0632 737801). The Fulham Pools, Lillie Road, London SW6 (01-385 7628). King Alfred Sports Centre, Kingsway, Hove, BN3 2WW (0273

Morecambe Leisure Park Morecambe, Lancashire (0524 North Larkfield Leisure Centre. Larkfield, West Malling, Kent (0622 Rhyl Sun Centre, East Promenade, Rhyl (0745 31771). Shankhili Leisure Centre, Shankhili Road, Belfast, BT13 2BD (0232 41434).

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Wester Hailes Education Centre, 5 Murraybum Drive, Edinburgh, EH14 2SU (031-442 2201). **CUTDOORS:** cana Pleasure Beach. The

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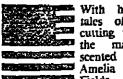
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War and peace down the mighty Mississippi



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Fields is the kind of guide tour-operators days. dream about. For her, the War combatant states have erected haunting monuments, the bayonets flash and cannons crash

from the vividness of her mind. Down from the high ground, where the trenches can still be scen, powerful tugs, at the head of barge islands carrying enough freight to fill 300 trucks, defy the current of the mighty Mississippi and remind every-

concedes that the land of cotton lost the war and that the legend on the badge in the museum that "The South Will Rise Again" is as insubstantial as the log banks that swirl in from the mighty river in winter.

But she does it in a southern sinic that owes nothing to any publicist's office. In Natchez. llississippi, a Californian reently arrived to manage an said he was still reeling om culture shock, while in New Orleans an casterner omplained the city was ob so slow. Precisely. Slow and easy. is a quality that distinguishes the deep south from some other parts of the United States where hype takes over from hospitality. Historically, the deep outh may begin at the Mason-Dixon Line, but culturally it tarts where the ubiquitous "Have a nice day" gives way to the drawling "You'll come back

The war, as Miss Fields manages to avoid telling you, was not only about economics. It was also about slavery. In their young history that truth appears to be too recent and sweet-life taste of sitting on the prinful to mention, which is a upper deck, nursing a cold pity, for great strides appear to drink, as the spray from the have been made to eradicate spinning paddles causes a that part of their heritage. The black and white communities ing, setting southern sun, now work and live together in peaceful coexistence, although Rouge, a kind of Port Talbot in now work and live together in

With her tall they still prefer to play apart. It the sun, looks tolerable. To be tales of glory was the guide in Natchez who fair, this industrial city has two With ner tales of glory tales of glory cutting through the magnolia which is not spoken of "We do not wish to go back to the days not wish to go back to the days hustled up by the infamous governor Huey Long. He was some content of the content of take pride in the legacy of those assassinated on its steps for his

She was talking as the coach between the States, as it is drove towards one of the scores referred to in America, ended of ante-bellum houses that are but yesterday. And as she guides open to the public. In these you through the battlefield at mock-Grecian mansions the 2 Vicksburg, where most of the per cent of whites who were became American aristocracy. Southern belles in Gone with the Wind dresses greet visitors and prove the universal truth that money

buys style wherever one is

living.
The mansions are magnificent. The best of every culture has been copied, and some of the follies make even great one that the two lands are now English eccentrics appear mundane. Brave souls can sip a Eventually even Miss Fields mint julep on a plantation oncedes that the land of cotton veranda, although to turn good bourbon sickly sweet ranks in blasphemy with the Scots habit of destroying good whisky with

In one mansion a beautiful guide in a dress that swept the floor related the tale of a slaveowner who told his favoured manservant he would be buried with him. Whether it was to be irrespective of his state of health at the time of his master's demise she did not say.

When Mr Samuel Langhorne Clemens was penning Tom Sauver. Natchez under the Hill was a rough and raw rendezvous for rogues, rivermen and romancers. It still tries to live up to that reputation.

The drink flows most freely and the jazz trumpets blow loudest when one of the mighty Mississippi stern-paddle steamers ties up at the jetty. As luxurious as any hotel, these marvellous floating mansions provide an incomparable platform from which to appreciate the scale and power of the mighty river. Hedonists would have to try hard to better the rainbow effect on the shimmer-

pains. The second is a truly impressive rural-life museum

which covers many acres. After the lazy hours of the rural deep south, late-night Bourbon Street in New Orleans hits the traveller as surely as a deep draught of the roughest Tennessee tipple. The sheer zest for life is invigorating and yes, of course, the jazz is wonderful. From Preservation Hall, a national monument, where sadlooking Negroes, each one of them over 80, play the blues, to faster haunts where the beat is quicker, the trumpet sounds sing into the Louisiana night.

They call New Orleans America's European masterpiece, and unlike some of their old world counterparts, so hasty to demolish, its city fathers as a living museum. It is said that if anyone tries to change so much as a brick in the French Quarter they will be thrown to the mercy of the crocodiles



Southern style: The butler mixes a mint julep at Mount Hope plantation, Baton Rouge; the stern-paddle steamer Natchez on the Mississippi at New Orleans

which abound in the surround- A grand Spanish-style cathedral elsewhere. Fresh-fruit drinks are ing small-river countryside. Quite right too, for the buildings with their wroughtiron balustrades are a joy, as are the restaurants, where visitors sample Creole cooking -

crayfish, oysters, jumbo prawns and crab, sweet and spiced. How palates raised on such have been careful to preserve it cuisine can eat grits, a tasteless corn porridge, for breakfast remains one of the unsolved Jackson Square is, as the

provides the backdrop for street artists, market traders and gentle people who deny the myth that all America is a seething cauldron of discontent.

The city is not all old. Its commercial heart has office blocks and hotels that reach up and up. The daring of their design makes one despair of British skyscrapers, although New Orleans has the great advantage of a big blue sky to play with. Even the airport has a happy ambience rarely found

dispensed by smiling waitresses, plying their trade from the innards of giant plastic oranges. while others sell fresh fruit and nuts from mobile stalls.

year to visit the deep south, for New Orleans is spending more dollars than many small countries possess to stage the World's Fair, More than 20,000 hours of entertainment are will be many and magnificent.
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The house where I stayed with my wife and two children part of the bargain. was equipped with what I, as an Englishman, regard as the ultimate in luxury living, but which many Californians regard as simple necessities - a swimming pool and a jacuzzi. There was a very large

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modest house in Washington. We definitely had the better Exchanging homes is becom-

ing increasingly popular in the United States, and in some European countries as well. The most obvious advantage is that you can save huge amounts of money. The house I stayed in in Santa Barbara, one of the more upmarket of southern California's resorts, could probably have been let for up to \$1,000 a week and the total outlay for my three-week holiday would have been at least \$4,000. But quite apart from that,

dislike holidays in hotels. I don't like the food, however good, I don't like being cooped



up in one room, however grand, build up an image of the and I don't like crowds. In a owners. We quickly decided we "home of your own", you can do what you want, when you want. And if you don't want to do anything at all, you can, without having to worry about mealtimes or chambermaids wanting to make up beds.

It is also fun to stay in someone else's house. By looking at their photographs, their books, their furniture, you

liked our doctor and his family very much, an opinion confirmed when we met them at the end of the exchange.
Of course, there are risks in

exchanging homes. What if the one you take over is ugly, dirty, or next to a smelly gasworks? What if the people you ex-change with run off with the silver or burn the place down?

avoided by careful planning and close scrutiny of the directories put out by home-exchange organizations. You are usually expected to provide an accurate description of your house, the sort of area it is in and the nearby amenities. It is customary to exchange photographs of houses and families and your best guarantee against deliberate damage or theft is your presence in their house.

The important thing is to avoid raised expectations and to keep reminding yourself that your accommodation (and probably car as well) is free. I was exceptionally lucky to find such a beautiful place in Santa quite content with something much more modest. All I sought was a base from which I could get to the mountains, the sea and the sights of California. I got that, and much more as

I found the house in a directory published in the United States by Vacation Exchange Club (the same directory is put out in Britain by Home Interchange). It contains a massive list of people all over the United States and Europe who want to exchange homes.

It has more than 750 entries for California alone, many of them seeking exchange with people in Britain. There were around 350 from Florida and several dozen from most of America's 48 other states. Hundreds more came from people in Britain, France, Italy and West Germany, and there were even some from as far afield as New Zealand and Madagascar.

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The directory simply lists names of potential exchangers and gives coded details of what the to offer, approximate dates when their house would be available and which part of the world they want to visit. When you have decided what Barbara. But I would have been you want, you make contact with the owner by letter or telephone and try to work out a mutually agreeable date.

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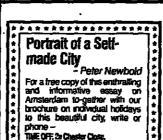
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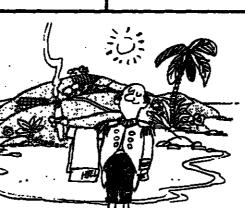
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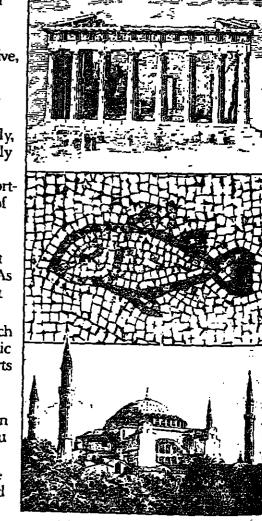
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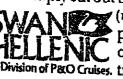
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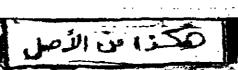
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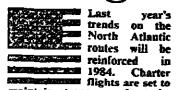
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year's minimum stay away of seven on the days.

There are moves afoot to reintroduce standby fares which would be offered between July and October. Likely one-way prices would be £170 to New York and £230 to Los Angeles. One of the advantages of the

Apex fare is that it allows passengers an "open jaw" facility: you can fly out to the US and return from a point in Canada or even the Caribbean.

To a single destination typical Apex fares are: New York, £299 low, £329 shoulder/ Traditionally, scheduled flights are a bargain buy in the off-season rather than the summer low, £350 shoulder and £390 shoulder and £300 peak when the demand for seats peak season: Boston £267. £298 means the airlines can jack up and £313 respectively.

You can get better value for With some exceptions there your Apex fare if you buy your £373 to £429, Boston from £204 March, shoulder operates from stretcher. These companies may April I until the middle or end not necessarily be any cheaper of June and peak takes over but for the regular Apex fare At present the cheapest fare is departure airport and free duty-Apex, available only for a round free vouchers, drinks, in-flight trip which must be booked at entertainment, and flight bags.



Airplan go one step further. On many routes they not only offer fares cheaper than Apex but they also throw in free in-surance (Slade) and cut-price or free car hire.

Both offer a selection of departure dates with flights operating from Heathrow or Gatwick. Stade is selling return fares to New York at prices ranging from £279 to £299, Los Angeles/San Francisco from to £298 and Miami/ Tamps/Orlando from £285 to

Airplan is offering Detroit (via Boston) from £241 to £283 and Washington also via Bos-ton from £239 to £281. The same company is selling Atlanta and St Louis from £285 to £370, Dallas £300 to £390 and Houston £310 to £390. And

Airplan is promoting low-cost People Express: Beach, a good gateway for The US no-frills airline deserves central Florida. Fares range a special mention. Currently

from £259 to £378 return. Charter flights

The charter season runs from April to October, Flights operate from Gatwick and provincial airports to almost 30 US destinations, most of them on the East Coast. Charters are cheaper than scheduled flights, especially in the peak season. Normally they must be booked at least 21 days ahead with a stay away of at least seven days. Prices tend to fluctuate early in the season.

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mmensely practical. companies now offering flotilla command of a bigger keel boat. packages and the growth of the They might be overawed when larger operators. wholesale ex-ploration of remote and exotic ocean-going yacht, but the coastlines is increasingly apprinciples were identical and pealing. The growth reflects the "things happened" much more rising numbers interested in slowly on a heavy yacht than in anchored to a beach.

sailing independently of the said.

The YCA has II fleets, each with up to a dozen boats, operating on the Dalmatian excellent, the winds are spank-



Port of call: Parga, one of many Greek villages with a welcome for sailors

contact one another or perhaps meet at a YCA party in London. "It works very well and a lot of people make their first bookings that way. We don't stick complete strangers together on a completely disastrous". Jane Hannah said.

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pattern of a flotilla is a cruise in company on the longer stretches, following the pilot yacht which has three association staff on board problems that crop up in the great resource who can handle fleet and full communication is most normal cruises. always possible by VHF radio.

five hours, usually with a stop for lunch and a swim in a cove. The YCA draws a distinction between the waters around the Greece (where competent dinghy handling a larger craft) and the aft cabin.

Lycian coast of Turkey, where The YCA craft include a

holiday. First they add their small islands and sheltered Each boat has a dinghy and details, quirks and inlets while in the south the comes fully equipped. The pilot foibles to a register of clients of waters are more open with boat in each flotilla has a like mind. Then the clients larger islands. It is a varied windsurfer and where appropricoastline with a fascinating ate individuals in the flotilla historical and archaeological past and a yatch gives just the their own, rejoining the others right speed and perspective to at a predetermined place and

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take it all in, cruising between islands and stopping at ports boat because that would be where a quayside restaurant Travel notes and a novice sailor's report on page 14

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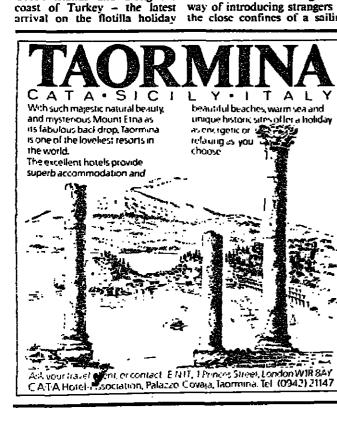
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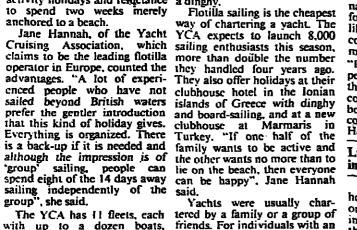
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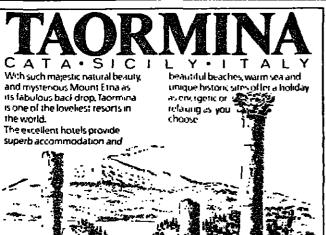
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searchlights of Albania, the mouth of the River Styx, quiet little harbours, and a jumping numerous safety devices on board and it takes a novice only porpoise. The sail back to Corfu from Paxos was organized into a couple of days to grasp the a race; every boat took part. Space below decks is limited basics of sailing. and if there are two couples, one One person from each boat is nominated skipper and attends pair has to sleep in the fo'c's'le

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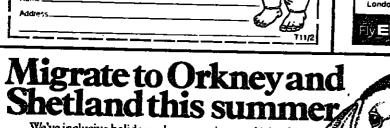
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REVIEW Paperbacks of the month

Timely resurrection of a joker with teeth

Mrs Ames by E. F. Benson (Hogarth Press, £3.95) Paying Guest by E. F. Benson (Hogarth Press, £3.95) The Spanish Temper by V. S. Pritchett (Hogarth Press, £3.95)

The scene is the Shakespearian fancy-dress ball in a small town in middle-class, middlebrow; where the ceiling is only about very genteel England in 1912. Enter in succession four podgy middle-aged couples clandesti-3ft above the bunk, which narrows to a point. It is rather nely in love of sorts with each other's partners, each couple There is no opportunity for a bath for two weeks and showers having chosen to dress as Antony and Cleopatra. The waiter from the Crown Inn, have to be taken on deck with a dressed in a kind of white surplice and carrying a lantern in his hand, who might with equal reasonableness be supposed to be the Man in the Moon from A Midsummer Night's Dream, or a gravedigger out of Hamlet, adds to the offence by shouting out such announcements as "Antony and Cleopatra 10 years later".

It is one of the forgotten comic set pieces in English, written by a very funny man, Fred Benson, who has become unfashionable. The only advice that my grandfather ever gave me that has stuck in my memory was to read Tristram Shandy and Benson, Mrs Ames is Madame Bovary played for laughs. Benson was Wodehouse with teeth and sex. It is difficult to dislike any

character in Wodehouse, not even the Efficient Baxter or one of the scalier aunts on the rampage. It is difficult to like anybody in Benson. He is the first writer since Thackeray in Vanity Fair to write a comedy of manners based on the belief

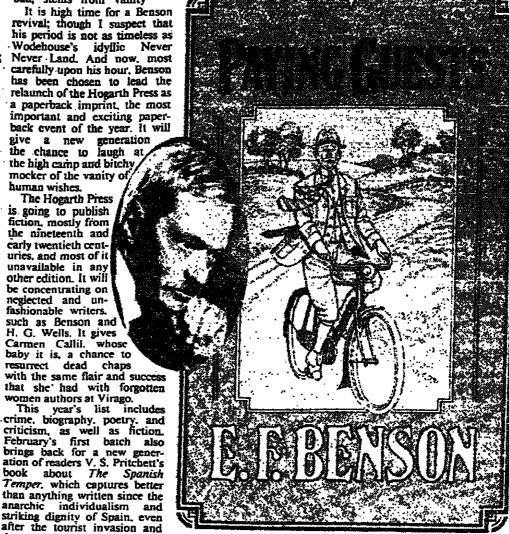
that all human action, good or bad, stems from vanity It is high time for a Benson revival; though I suspect that his period is not as timeless as Wodehouse's idyllic Never Never Land. And now, most carefully upon his hour, Benson has been chosen to lead the relaunch of the Hogarth Press as a paperback imprint, the most important and exciting paperback event of the year. It will give a new generation

the high camp and bitchy mocker of the vanity of human wishes. The Hogarth Press is going to publish fiction, mostly from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, and most of it unavailable in any other edition. It will be concentrating on neglected and un-fashionable writers. such as Benson and G. Wells, It gives Carmen Callil. whose baby it is, a chance to resurrect dead chaps

the chance to laugh at

that she had with forgotten women authors at Virago.
This year's list includes crime, biography, poetry, and criticism, as well as fiction. February's first batch also brings back for a new generation of readers V. S. Pritchett's book about *The Spanish* Temper, which captures better than anything written since the anarchic individualism and striking dignity of Spain, even after the tourist invasion and the vast dormitory suburbs.

Philip Howard



Joyous revival: E. F. Benson (inset) and the Hogarth Press jacket for Paying Guests; the wolf motif was Virginia Woolf's idea

Contradiction, collusion and controversy historical Jewish state on a

Zionism in the Age of the Dictators by Lanni Brenner (Croom Hefm, 29.95)

Who told a Berlin audience in March 1912 that "each country can absorb only a limited number of Jews, if she doesn't want disorders in her stomach. Germany already has too many

No, not Adolf Hitler but Chaim Weizmann, later president of the World Zionist Organization and later still the first president of the state of İsrael And where might you find

the following assertion, originally composed in 1917 but republished as late as 1936; The Jew is a caricature of a normal, natural human being. both physically and spiritually. As an individual in society he revolts and throws off the harness of social obligations, knows no order nor discipline."? Not in Der Sturmer but in the

organ of the Zionist youth organization, Hashomer Hat-As the above quoted statements reveal, Zionism itself encouraged and exploited selfhatred in the Diaspora. It started from the assumption that anti-Semitism was inevitable and even in a sense

justified so long as Jews were

outside the land of Israel. It is true that only an extreme lunatic fringe of Zionism went so far as to offer to join the war on Germany's side in 1941, in the hope of establishing "the

national and totalitarian basis, and bound by a treaty with the German Reich". Unfortunately this was the group which the present Prime Minister of Israel chose to join. That fact gives an extra edge

of topicality to what would in any case be a highly controversial study of the Zionist record in the heyday of European fascism by Lenni Brenner, an American Trotskyist writer who happens also to be Jewish. It is short (250 pages), crisp and carefully documented. Mr Brenner is able to cite numerous cases where Zionists collaborated with anti-Semitic regimes, including Hitler's; he is careful also to put on record the opposition to such policies within the Zionist movement.

in retrospect these activities have been defended as a distasteful but necessary expedient to save Jewish lives. But Brenner shows that most of the time this aim was secondary. The Zionist leaders wanted to ico and able. bodied Jews to emigrate to Palestine. They were never in the forefront of the struggle against fascism in Europe.

That in no way absolves the wartime Allies for their callous refusal to make any serious effort to save European Jewry. As Brenner says, "Britain must be condemned for abandoning the Jews of Europe"; but, "it is not for the Zionists to do it".

Edward Mortimer tions are ever ironic and

Ironic illuminations of a continent's lost corner

Memoirs of an Anti-Semite by Gregor von Rezzori (Picador £2.50)

Once the power of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy stretched from the toe of Sicily to the far side of the Carpathians in Bukovina Arnulf, the narrator of Gregor von Rezzon's "Novel a web to capture a gentile, much in five stories" has contact with to the disgust of her fellow both extremities: despite his Italian lineage he is brought up in the far north-east of the empire, one of the remotest and least-known corners of Europe. And in this respect he seems to have much in common with von Rezzori himself. Arnulf is born Austrian but

between the two world wars, as the Bukovina changes hands, becomes Romanian and in the process, he wryly remarks, a second-class citizen. If he had been fool enough to stay on into the late 1940s he would have had Russian nationality, as part of Bukovina was sliced away from Romania and his native town of Cernauti was renamed Czernowitz. And had his father. century to guard one of the outposts of empire against the hordes from the east, still been alive then, he would have had

to declare the battle lost. On the surface these stories are indeed the memoirs of an anti-Semite, a man brought up, in common with many members of the ruling classes in that part of the world, to despise the Jews and their ghettos. None the less von Rezzori's descrip-

detached, with Arnulf generally coming off second best in his Jewish encounters. It matters not whether it is a boyhood friendship with a child far more precocious and accomplished than he, or a seduction in Bucharest by a raven-haired Jewess, a Black Widow spinning shopkeepers. Underneath the irony - and it

is worth recalling that much of

the literature from this area of eastern Europe reaching English translation is from Jewish sources - is a sense of a continent, and especially that part of it on the edge of Asia, undergoing total change. In Bucharest, von Rezzori rightly says, you can smell Asia in the dust and see it in the lavendercoloured sunsets. But the last traces of the Hapsburgs have almost been obliterated. In the final story "Pravda" ("Truth"). Arnulf sardonically reflects, as he supplies trashy stories for Cinecittà's B-pictures in Rome. person as his father was in Bukovina. The translation of the first

two stories (from the German) is clumsy and shot with Americanisms as incongruous as they are ugly. But persevere. The English later becomes Rezzori's and with it arrives great readability. A curious and wise book about a corner of Europe, little trodden by either authors or tourists.

John Higgins

Scurrilous, scabrous and skilful

Shadow on the Grass by Simon Raven (Sphere £1.95)

Raven's talent for writing fiction and his highly readable style are well recognized. Both are in strong evidence in this rumbustious autobiography.

Shadows on the Grass is a collection of anecdotes about the author's life at school, on the cricket field, in the army and at Cambridge University. It is prefaced with the somewhat enigmatic disclaimer that, although "essentially true", the narrative contains "minor alterations in circumstance" and that some of the facts "have been disguised, though not softened, by moral metaphor". This is understandable in view of the scurrility of some of the stories, but it does stretch the reader's credulity at times.

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Who, for instance, could possibly believe that William Rees-Mogg, later to become Editor of *The Times*, once misused his position as umpire to dismiss more or less an entire cricket team because he had had a disagreement over Greek scholarship with the housemaster concerned?

On the other hand, who could not applaud what the author calls "The Bumper Bob Boothby Disaster of 1951", in which the outrageously self-important Bob (later Lord) Boothby spends a champagnefilled evening boasting about his fame, his membership of White's, his new suit and his new car ... until one of his passengers vomits down the back of his neck? I admit to being instinctively

suspicious of stories remembered from schooldays, and my suspiciousness increased as read each preposterous episode in Raven's saga of masturbation, drunkenness, cheating and promiscuity. There were times, also, when I grew tired of the snobbery and loutishness repeatedly displayed by the author and his friends. Nevertheless, the stories he

tells about Rees-Mogg. Booth-by. James Prior. E. M. Forster. Peter May, J. R. Ackerley and others too numerous to mention are invariably entertaining and often hilamous... Raven's account of a drink-

ing match at Deolali Transil Camp in India between the present Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and "Spotty Duvell is a masterpiece of comic writing which deserves comparison with A. G. acdonell's cricket match in England Their England - or perhaps its scabrous tone would place it more happily along-ide the very best of Tom Sharpe. Much of the time, this is a

deeply unserious book and I am sure many readers, like myself, will find themselves laughing aloud. At the same time, iew would not be moved by the poignant tale at the end of the book, from which its title appears to have been taken. It concerns Mark Wainey, a brilliant young cricketer whose weakness for drink leads him to take his own life. He becomes a symbol of ephemeral beauty. Shadows on the Grass is not

just the idle memoirs of a sybarite: these are also the reflections of a perceptive and

Rupert Morris

IN THE GARDEN

Rosy future for plants forced to take cuts

One of the first jobs to be done hand movement. Next, a good as soon as the weather begins to improve, from about now onwards, is pruning the "garden roses". (This heading does not nclude the species roses, which need a different form of pruning altogether.)

Pruning takes time and should not be tackled without the right equipment. Firstly, you will need strong gloves, preferably leather, which will repel thorns but are also supple enough to allow reasonable

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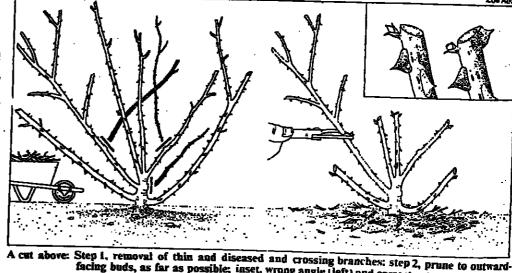
years' growth on them, there will be a number of branches close to the base which will be too thick for most secateurs. This is where the two-handed pruner comes in; handles about a foot long enable the bringing to bear of sufficient pressure to cut through even dead snags. I also like to take a pruning saw with me; this should thin to a point so that it can be used in the centre of the bush, where it will come in useful for any unduly tough shoots. Finally, a wheelbarrow at hand to collect the prunings will save unnecessary handling of prickles. Garden roses flower on wood

made during the current season. Pruning is therefore a matter of removing the flowering shoots made last year to allow space for the new season's branches. Always bear in mind that the ideal rose bush has an open centre with its shoots growing to give some resemblance to a

The first step is to remove all dead shoots. Most roses show dead snags close to the base of the bush; cut these out. Next remove thin, weakly or diseased branches, making sure you cut flush with the parent branch. Diseased shoots do not have to

pair of heavy-duty secateurs. Should the roses have a few

of the shoot.



facing buds, as far as possible; inset, wrong angle (left) and correct cut removed entirely; if the above any bud induces it to the buds swelling but before

decent shape to the bush cut back to sound healthy wood. Next deal with crossing branches, that is, branches

which grow from one side of the plant to the other across the centre. Cut these out flush with the parent branch; this is an important cut, as you must try to make sure there are no dormant buds close to the base The bush is now ready for

pruning. Look carefully at a rose branch and you will see a number of raised lumps along this could cause bruising. it. These are buds, and a cut

shoot will break the way the bud is facing. So bearing in mind the desideratum of an open-centred bush, try, as far as possible to make all cuts with the bud facing away from the centre of the bush.

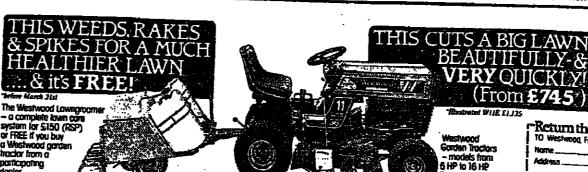
Each pruning cut should be made directly above the bud. Cut from the opposite side, sloping down towards the bud. The cut must be a clean one. Make sure you do not tear the wood, and never twist the secateurs from side to side as

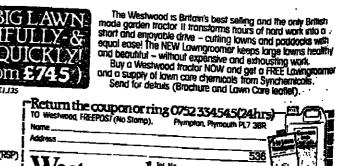
Prune when you see signs of

shoot is needed to retain a come into life. The resultant growths have made too much progress. The more vigorous the plant, the more lightly it can be pruned: thin, weakly plants should be hard pruned. The lighter the pruning the earlier the bush will flower. As a rule, igorous bushes should be pruned to about 10 buds from the base and medium roses to about six buds from the base.

As for thin, weakly plants, when you think you have pruned hard enough take off another inch. Feeding should be carried out after pruning, preferably with

Ashley Stephenson





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and Michelangelo back to wall lavatory, from

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£167; detail of Dualux

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VALUES/Lynn Barnett on modern ways of keeping clean

Join the jet set for a healthy way of life

paradoxical mix of sybarite and London SW1 (01-730 5835).

age baths are becoming very manufacturers such as Twynopular. These baths have long fords and Ideal-Standard offer a been used to treat muscle system as an optional extra.
injuries and rheumatoid factory-fitted and tested, it arthritis but the massaging adds about £958 to Twyford's effect, produced by forcing air Astral. Debut and Balmoral into the water to create bubbles baths or about £575 to one of thick buses are interest with a large transfer. which burst on impact with eight baths by Ideal-Standard. your body, has a soothing. Their new system, Whirlpool relaxing action which also helps 2000, has two unique safety to smooth away tension. It features - automatic cut-out of helps blood circulation too and, the pump if there is insufficient

known trade name is the clean and hygienic.

Jacuzzi - extract water from the The smallest bath to which bath by an electric pump. This Ideal-Standard fit their whirtwater is passed round outside pool system, the Tulip the bath, through pipes or 1,700mm, costs from £1,108 flexible tubing, and reintro-complete. nozzles in the sides of the bath.

Air-jet baths employ lots of small jets in the floor of the A less expensive alternative is bath through which air alone is to see if your existing bath can pumped. This gives more of a be converted to a whirlpool floating sensation. With both types the "works" are hidden simple job to convert a plastic beneath panels.

The price range for both types of bath is wide: the smallest Jacuzzi whirlpool bath, the Cara, which measures 1,524mm by 863mm, costs

The best selection of Jacuzzis

The Never mind the music, get

enticing lovers through their

doors on Tuesday. This is my choice selection of places for the

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or fillet of sole St Valentine,

which has a seafood sauce; fillets of veal Cupid, in a

Madeira, cream and mushroom

sauce, or grilled breast of duck

Sara, with passion fruit and honey-glazed figs; Lover's Tuil-le Cup, a delicate sugar biscuit

filled with fresh fruit and

At the Dorchester, the menu

bathrooms you need to be a Centre, 157-158 Sloane Street, health freak. You also need a Most good bathroom show-healthy bank balance. Hydrotherapy or water mass-

if used regularly, it is said to water in the bath or if the water tone flabby muscles.

There are two types, whirlpool baths and air-jet baths.
Whirlpool baths - their bestthat the whole system remains

Whirlpool conversions

bath but cast iron or pressed steel baths can cause some problems and conversion may not be advisable.

Nordic Sauna offer a range of The best selection of Jacuzzis whirlpool jets, for less than can be seen and tried at the £600. Jacuzzi can also convert

including fitting and testing, is from £920 for a three-jet system in a plastic bath. There is an extra charge for delivery and also for converting cast iron and pressed steel baths

Air-jet baths as well as Jacuzzis and whirlpool systems can be seen at Max Pike's Bathroom Shop and Whirlpool Bath Centre at 4 Eccleston Street, London SW1 (01-730 7216). The Balneotherapy air-jet bath, which has four speeds and a heater to keep the water at a constant temperature, costs £2,875. The French Grandform Hydrotherapy bath, imported by Waitamata, costs from £1,744; it includes an ozone generator which automatically injects ozonized air into the water at the beginning and end of the bath.

Baths which include both the whirlpool and air-jet systems are also available. The Champagne hydromassage system which includes 16 air-jets and three Jacuzzi nozzles costs £2,185 from Max Pike's, while P. G. Spa and Sauna's Lacrospa range of baths gives a choice of bath shapes; two rectangular at £1,549 and £1,569 and the popular corner bath at £1,660.

Should you need an extra five minutes in bed before your refreshing bath, the Autotub (from £683.10 from Max Pike's) conversion kits starting with automatically from your bed-their Norjet, which includes six side. Micro-sensors turn off the water when it reaches the required level and a green light tells you it is ready.

Massage showers

If this all sounds a little too hedonistic you may prefer to relieve the pressures of your day with a massage shower. The Nordic Jetronic Impulse shower can be wall-mounted within a shower cubicle or over a bath and it is supplied with either two or four vertical spray tubes in addition to the overhead and hand showers. The thermostatically controlled hot water flow is interspersed with cold water for a really invigorating shower. it costs about £964.

The Aqualisa Aquajet includes an overhead shower plus two body jets which can be adjusted to give anything from a fine, gentle spray to a pulsating massage. Powered by water pressure rather than electricity, the twin jet body massage unit moves constantly up and down the central column cleansing and refreshing the whole body. From Max Hobbs and Walker Crosweller, Pike's, it costs from £732.55. and you can expect to pay from

Also from Max Pike's is the Shower Power system. As well as the overhead shower, "rain bars" are fitted to the side of the shower cubicle, giving a complete, overall shower. It costs from £632.50. If these types of shower prove

too expensive, take a look at an ordinary modern shower. The greatest improvements are to be found on the instantaneous electric showers. Low-waterpressure systems in the UK have never been conducive to a forceful, invigorating shower, but increased heater rating - a number now have 7 or 8 kW heaters - heip to give a better water flow and a stronger spray, while both improved temperature and pressure stabilizing make these showers more efficient and safe to use.

Names to look for are Heatrae Sadia, Gainsborough, Santon, Aquatron, Russell

Getting it together about £75 for a basic instan-

taneous shower to about £150

for sophisticated models which

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black chrome, much favoured by architects and designers.

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Fixing is extra.

On tap

unit manufacturers - Poggen-pohl and Xey, for example -have turned their sights on the bathroom, bringing their fittedcupboard expertise to what has been a sadly neglected area. Bosch is the latest manufacturer to do so with six designs.

The Italians, also offer stylish units: The Mauri System units are moulded from a resin impregnated material in a range of 22 colours. Various trims and co-ordinating ceramic tiles are

Finishing touches

Ander Selection

Ceramic tiling is one of the most durable and popular finishes for modern bathrooms. Prices can vary from a few pounds to well over £30 a square metre. British manufacturers such as Maws and

modern designs to rival the Continental imports, but ceramic tiles from the Continent, brought in by such companies and Bernard J. Arnull and Langley of London, have

something special - style.

An alternative wall covering much in demand by interior designers is laminate panels. Formica's Design Concepts range - one of their favourites is available in five colours white, "diamond", black, sand-stone, ruby and "Sarum" grey. Mirror-finish reflective areas contrast with matt in two of the designs. Maxigraph, a symmetric grid, and Stripe. Disc design is all matt consisting of

Fighting fit

No 1980s bathroom can be: called complete without an exercise machine. Cycles, which

model to around £2.000 for a computerized one, and rowing machines, a little cheaper at £110 to £175, are the most popular large pieces of equip-ment, while dumb bells and weights cost only a few pounds.

Finally for those to whom money is no object consider be better to come home to after

a long day at the office? All prices given include VAT. Should the equipment form part of a new installation, it may be zero-rated, if it is installed by the



orks: One of Ideal-Standard's Whirlpool 2000 baths with panels removed to show the elaborate system beneath

ST VALENTINE'S DAY

ford, Kent. This small

Hearts set on with the meal: for the food of love is, quite simply, food. Or so counfless restaurateurs on recipes evidently believe, since they have gone to great lengths to for romance devise their own exotic Valen-tine's Day menus in the hope of

Dans, a light and airy restaurant in Chelsea, is offering an extensive menu concocted by their chief chef Tom Cheeseman (formerly of the Dorchester). You could choose Trois, three beignets (fritters) of cheese with a mustard sauce; Lover's Rendezvouz, soul and scallops in a pernod and cream sauce, or Lady Chatterley, noisettes of venison in a port sauce; Between the Sheets, mille-feuilles with oranges, cream and Grand Marnier, or with passion fruit and Kirsch sorbet.

raspberry sauce, or Coconut Kisses, coconut biscuits sandwiched together with a light chocolate sauce. Edward Hari, the Swiss chef buttariga a caglio, a Sardinian at the Inn on the Park, has prepared a splendid five-course menu for their Four Seasons menu for their Four Seasons Restaurant. It comprises Petite flavoured with sheep's cheese; Restaurant. It comprises retire
Salade Fantaisie, a winter salad
with smoked quail and quail's
cggs; royalle de coquille St
Jacques, which is a purée of
Jacques, which is a purée of Jacques, which is a puree of cheese; Tirami Su (which scallops with a white wine literally means pick me up), a sauce; mignon of boeuf au jus light creamy dessert. de truffes - fillet of beef with a Outside London there is bathroom and full English breakfas truffle sauce; fruits de jour - a Hookstead House, near Ash- are 230 a night.

fresh berry pudding with a blueberry sauce; coffee and petit

from: Venus, a spinach mousse with tomato coulis, or Menage a Tropical Desire, fresh pineapple

San Carlo is a spacious restaurant in north London which is serving an excellent four-course menu:

and friendly fifteenth-century restaurant, set in three acres of land, is run by Tom and Julia Atkinson, a young couple, who will arrange for special flowers to be on your table, and have

two rooms with four-poster beds if you wish to stay the night. The choices for the three courses include: the Corpulent Cupid, an oyster dish, or Coquette Caviare; Napoleon's Luck, duck in a Grand Marnier sauce, or the Blushing Turbot in a red wine sauce; soufflé Cassanova, or Adonis's Passion, meringue with a sorbet centre.

If you want to indulge a whim for a celebratory lunch-time drink, Harrods cocktail bar will be offering a special Cupid's Bow cocktail for £2.50.

Mary Wilson

Inn on the Park, Hamilton Place, London W1 (499 0888). £22.50 a head including a glass of champagne, VAT and service. A different kinchtime menu with choices for hors d'oeuvres and

Hookstaad House, High Helden, near Ashford, Kent (023385 612). £11.50 a head including VAT and

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☼ Dishy idea from Unicorn Glass Workshop – a tiny dish hand-painted with flowers and pierced with hearts (below). It is 9cm across, with a 5cm space for a name or short message to order. 23, plus 75p for the name from Unicorn Glass workshop, Tooses Farm, Stoke St Michael, Bath BA3 ELL Tell Celebil (27740) 840554 5JJ. Tel: Oakhill (0749) 840654. Orders telephoned today can be rushed through for Feb 14.



Pin passion

♥ Getting stuck on you, the redieval way. The original lover's brooch was in gold set with rubies and sapphires. The British Museum's replica is in gold on hronze with simulated stones (above) but with the original message in medieval French on the back - lo sui ici en lui dami: Amo. I am here in place of the friend I love. 216.50 from the British Museum Shop, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-836 1555).

Melting hearts

♥ Sweet thoughts for last-minute lovers - Bendicks praline-filled milk chocolate hearts 35p, Ackermans red hearts 50x £3.99, plain chocolate champagne bottle filled with Charbonnel and Walker assortment £11.49. Selfridges, Oxford Street, London W1.

Teagethemess

♥ Have a heart-to-heart drink by putting your teapot on a Calman Tea for Two tile stand. £2.50 from the Cartoon Gallery, 83 Lamb's Conduit Street, London WC1 (01-

Beryl Downing

DRINK

Call for red revolution and change in the white house

How many times have you sat something about it, I have down in some conveniently chosen as my wines for situated restaurant to a dreary retrievely several good, inexcarafe of house wine that pensive matching pairs. comes, according to the wine waiter. "Oh, you know, from house wines was prompted not somewhere in France" and wondered why you bothered? and red, but by the experience Having spent the past week of a really good pair. The sampling numerous such occasion was the opening of the caraics whose contents ranged Cafe Pelican, a new Parisianfrom the dull to the downright style brasserie in St Martin's disgusting, I expect your answer will be "once too often".

Restaurants in the big hotels appear to be the worst offenders with the Ritz hitting rock-bottom on the evening I was there, the property of the p disgusting, I expect your answer having no red house wine at all at a tasting organized by and only an evil white that Lawlers, a wholesale wine neither myself nor my guest merchant based in Dorking

What is especially sad about real February find. the costs of caung out down, region and growers, their most of us have no alternative negociants and growers, their most of us have no alternative negociants and growers, their wines are around 11° and the Rouge and Blanc have little to wines are around 11° and the

Ironically my research into

Lane, London WC2; the wines that convinced me that I had a

this is that, if we want to keep the costs of eating out down, the



strongly in its rich, green, almost buttery bonquet which is backed up by a lively, full, lemony taste. The Moillard' Rouge at 12.5° is even better, a predominantly Syrah wine from

at £2.85 each (and only £3.95 at relatives. the Case Pelican). So far, Good house wines do not however, Lawlers have man-have to be French, and two that aged to sell the pair into only the restaurant trade would do one retail wine merchant - well to get to know are the Jeffery Phillips, at 22 Station Marques de Caceres red and Street, Lymington, Hampshire. When buying a case of any such modestly priced wines it is best, young fragrant, cold-worth noting whether the bottle fermentation white riojas there contains 70cl or 75cl because a is, and the latest vintage is the dozen of the slightly more 1982. This is an amazingly expensive 75cl bottle gives you 60cl more wine, or almost a full

bottle. Two other 75cl French vin de 30p discount on each) are Henri and, like the Moillard pair, his pungent, fruity white and light, fruity Bonchalaz red have been

and very good value for money impress stuffy friends and

white riojas. The white is widely acknowledged to be one of the lively, fresh, green wine with a pleasing grapefruit aspect to it (Haynes, Hanson & Clarke, 36 Kensington Church Street, London W8, £3.12; Les Amis table wines that are worth laying in supplies of this month du Vin, London W12, W1 and (especially because there is a WC2, £3.15.) The 1978 Marques de Caceres red (Oddbins, Maire's Bonchalaz red and £2.86; Haynes, Hanson & white (Cullens, £2.15). Henri Clarke, £3.34) boasts a lovely, Maire is one of the Jura's warm, spicy, oaky taste with biggest growers and merchants none of that excessive oakiness that some of the red riojas have. Not surprising, perhaps, as the Marquis de Caceres bodega is

Recently, a number of kitchen

also available.

geometrically set raised roun-dels 3mm in diameter.

Pilkington are introducing can cost from £85 for a simple

One of the best displays of exercise equipment can be found at Olympic Way in Harrods.

having your own Environment enclosure. Environment provides a synthesis of a natural if exotic environment - Baja sun followed by tropical rain, jungle steam, spring showers and Chinook winds all at the touch of a button. From Max Pike's, price from £12,075, what could

supplying contractor.



The Wine Club's Italy

A chance to try The Wine Club's highly successful region-byregion survey of the best of Italian wine. Burton Anderson, the top Italian Wine writer was asked to choose 12 regional selections. These come complete with Mr Anderson's tasting notes and background details. His brief: to choose The Best wines Italy currently has on offer, irrespective of price.

5 Friuli

From the foot of the Italian boot: two dry whites, one, an extraordinary winemaking miracle of freshnes (yet grown in torrid heat) and the other the unique and memorably named Locorotondo; plus three old-fashioned, big reds; and a perfect dry rosé. Two hottles each of the following

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Locorotondo Bianco DOC

A seven wine case from Italy's answer to Alsace - mostly dry whites, all crisp, clean and perfectly made: a Sauvignon, a Tokay, a Pinot Blanc, a straight Pinot Gris and a 'champagnised' Pinot Gris. Plus just two gentle reds: a Meriot and a Refosco.

A twelve bottle case for £54.99

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The Selections average

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Here are three of the

around £4 a bottle;

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most popular:

6 Tuscany Two dry whites with enough

Navour between them to fill a fruit bowl; then a young Chianti; and a 'Grand' Chianti; plus two other Tuscan reds, even more complex, mouth-filling and worthwhile than Chianti itself. Two bottles each of the following for £48.40 Whites

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mother can communicate only Out of Town throught the language of dance. Peter Coe directs this British premiere of a Norwegian play. **BELFAST: Lyric Players (0232**

66081). Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw. Final performance The Dance of Death by August today at 8pm Shaw's most popular play, and the basis for the musical My Fair Lady: Strindberg, Final perform today at 4.30pm and 8pm Oxford Playhouse Company production of Ted Whitehead's Professor Higgins changes the life of an illiterate girl by altering her speech and introducing her to adaptation of Strindberg's bitter masterplece of marital hatred and Cider with Rosie by Laurie Lee. Funny Peculiar by Mike Stott.

Preview on Tues at 8pm, opens Wed at 8pm. Until Mar 10, Mon-Sat Pleasing account of growing up in a farming community. BRISTOL: New Vic (0272 24388). A

Doll's House by Henrick ibsen. Until Mar 10, Mon-Wed (not Mar 5) at 7.15pm, Thurs-Sat at 7.45pm New production of an Ibsen play regarded by his contemporaries as subversive and still powerfully persuasive on the theme of personal fulfilment and determination. BROMLEY: Churchill (460 6677).

Ballerina by Ame Skouen. Until Feb 25, Mon-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at Spm; matinées Feb 23 at 2.30pm, today and Feb 25 at 4,30pm Dorothy Tutin and Aubrey Woods as the parents of an emotionally disturbed girl with whom the

control of a shifting world Joan of Arc spent just over two "Frances is one of only a got to go from me to the text or years in the public eye, from handful of actresses who could from the text to me, and that

When Joan appeared as a So she is always likely to be character in Shakespeare's older."

Henry VI Part One she was
Frances de la Tour came to described as a "truli", a "witch" and "foul fiend of France". It was another two centuries before the view of her changed and she became a heroine, the saviour of France. This was the view adopted by George Bernard Shaw, whose Saint Joan opens at the National Theatre on Thursday.

Some years before the play was published in 1923, Shaw wrote to Mrs Patrick Campbell: "English literature must be saved (by an Irishman as usual) from the disgrace of having nothing to show concerning Joan except the piffling libel in Henry VT.

The new production at the Olivier Theatre is directed by Ronald Eyre and has Frances de la Tour in the title part. It is one the longest and most challenging roles for an actress. who has to be on stage for nearly the whole of the play, and is therefore not an easy part to

CAMBRIDGE: Arts (0223 352000).

Opens Mon at 8pm. Until Feb 18,

1429, when she led the French play the part". Eyre says. to victory over the English at "Although Joan is supposed to Orleans, until 1431 when she be 19, she suffers from the was burnt at the stake as a Juliet problem - an actress of witch. She was then 19 years the correct age is unlikely to be able technically to do the part.

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Sparks fly as Joan takes

Frances de la Tour came to the production very keen to play Joan but quite open about how the role should be played. Eyre much, this is a theme which says of her: Frances is a woman of high intelligence and strong opinions, and might naturally want to confront a situation. Joan takes a different course, not seeking confron-

Eyre regards Saint Joan as "an enormous" play, very rich, and with more depth than people might think. It is, of course, a wordy play. However, he denies that it is static. "It is about a shifting world, and the production has to reflect that. But it is a play which you have to approach boldly. If you have any fear, it will punish you, and just to recite the lines would leave it passionless, whereas it is a passionate play."

Eyre sees himself as very cautious in his choice of plays to direct. He says no, when other directors say yes. "A spark has

Mon-Sat at 8pm; matinée Sat at

4.30pm
"Adult" comedy which ran for two and a half years in the West End.

EXETER: Northcott (0392 54853).

Double bill of plays which will be

presented at Edinburgh later this year. The first is about a

psychologist visiting Freud in Vienna, 1984, and the second is

based on the life and death of

7.30pm

Unrivalled elegance: Michael Hordern and Geraldine McEwan in

Sheridan's play, The Rivals (Theatre Royal, Glasgow)

Saint Joan previews at the Oliver Theatre (928 2252) tonight, Mon., Tues, Wed at 7.15pm. Opens Thurs at 7pm. Fri at 7.15pm. Continues in repertory. GLASGOW: Theatre Royal (041 331 1234). You Can't Take it With You by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman. Final performances today at 2.15pm and 7.15pm National Theatre production, directed by Michael Bodganov, on tour. Jimmy Jewel and Geraldine McEwan head the cast. The Pivele by Tree Production Psyche by Paul Amott, Bike by Julian Pullan, today at 2.30pm and

spark enables me to believe in

what I am doing and to comfort

In Saint Joan, "an Everest of.

a play", he says, Joan is the

catalyst for all that happens.

She is the only woman, sur-

rounded by a great variety of

male helplessness. She, a

woman, sorts out the men; and

without emphasizing the fact too

readily strikes a contemporary

subdy: "Any play, if it is a decent play, will reflect different rays at different times. Plays

In his preface to the play,

Shaw wrote: "There are no

villains in the piece. Crime, like,

disease, is not interesting. It is

what men do at their best, with

good intentions, and what normal men and women find

that they must and will do in

spite of their intentions, that

Christopher Warman

really concern us."

come in and out of focus."

Ronald Eyre puts it more

chord

me when things go wrong."

The Rivals by Richard Brinsley Sheridan. Opens Tues at 7.15pm. Until Feb 18, Tues-Sat at 7.15pm; matinées Wed and Thurs at 2.15pm National Theatre production on

tour. Cast includes Geraldine McEwan, Michael Hordern, David LANCASTER: Duke's Playhouse (0524 66645). The Life of Einstein by Norman Leach. Until Feb 18,

ss-Sat at 7.30pm This world premiere production, directed by David Thacker, has David Bradley as the greatest scentist of our age, a socialist and pacifist whose work led to the davelopment of the section. development of the atomic bomb by the most powerful capitalist COUNTRY in the world LIVERPOOL: Everyman (051 709

4776). The Tempest, adapted by Gien Walford, Until Feb 25, Tues-Sat at 8pm An adaptation with original music but said to be "faithful to the text" of Shakespeare's most magical,

... and present: Frances de la Tour – "sorting out the men"

mysterious play. Walford's production of A Midsummer Night's Dream in January 1983 played to full houses here. MANCHESTER: Library (061 236 7110). Merfly We Roll Along by Stephen Sondheim and George Furth. Until Feb 18, Tues-Sat at

European professional premiere of a Sondheim show with book based on the play by Moss Hart and George Kaufman. Tracie Bennett, Michael Cantwell, Pepsi Maycock, among a cast of 15. Directed by

Howard Lloyd-Lewis; musical director Roger Haines; choreographer Paul Kerryson. MANCHESTER: Royal Exchange (061 833 9833). The Plough and the Stars by Sean O'Casey. Until Feb 25, Mon and Tues at 7.30pm, Wed-Sat at 8pm; matinées Wed at 2.30pm, Set et 4.20pm 2.30pm, Sat at 4.30pm Gregory Hersov directs a cast headed by Bernard Hill and Val McLane in this classic play centred on the Easter Rising in Dublin, 1916.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE: Playhouse (0532 323421). Nightmare Rock by Kevin Williams. Until Feb 25, Tues-Sat at 7.30pm

World premiere production of a "rock 'n' roll thriller" by an author currently performing in Blandel in

PREVIEW Photography

SOUTHAMPTON: Nuffield (0703 555028). The Hired Man by Melvyr Bragg, Howard Goodall. Until Feb 25, Mon-Thurs at 7.30pm, Fri and Sat at 8pm This musical version of Bragg's

novel of rural Cumbrian life, from the 1890s to the 1920s. concentrates on the effects of changing times and situations on one married couple (Phyllis Logan, David Tysall). Directed by David Gilmore. Music and lyrics by Howard Goodall, who also orchestrates and is musical

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Royal Shekespeare (0789 295623) Look No Hansi by John Chapman and Michael Pertwee. Opens Mon at 7.30pm. Until Feb 18, Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matiness Thurs and Sat

David Jason and Paul Rogers in a new cornedy, directed by Mike Ockrent, with Gabrielle Drake. Touring before a run in the West WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA, Southend:

Palace (0702 42564). Season's Greetings by Alan Ayckbourn. Until Feb 18, Mon-Thurs and Sat at 8pm, Fri at 8.15pm One of Ayckbourn's more recent works and among his most acerbic comedies comes to the end of its

Critics' choice

THE BIKO INQUEST Riverside Studios (738 3354) Until Mar 4, Tues-Sun at 8pm This cool and scrupulous staged version of the investigation following the black South African leader Steve Biko's death in custody is the first fruit of a new British actors' company including Albert Finney (as the questioning counsel), Michael Gough, Michael Aldridge and Edward Hardwicke.

THE CUSTOM OF THE COUNTRY The Pit (628 8795/638 8891) Mon-Thurs at 7.30pm. In repertory vith Molière by Mikhail Bulgakov (Today at 2pm and 7.30pm) and Lear by Edward Bond (Fri at 7.30pm)

Taking a rare Jacobean comedy as its starting point, Nicholas Wright's tale of innocent and fleshly love in turn-of-the-century Transvael has a highly original flavour and provides Sara Kestelman and Sinead Cusack with two splendidly extravagant roles. HAY FEVER

Queen's (734 1166) Until April 14, Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.15pm; matinées Wed at 3pm Noel Coward's 1920s comedy about a theatrical family and their mixed bag of persecuted house guests remains hilarious after any number of revivals, and Penelope

Keith takes to the leading lady's part as though to the bad manners LEAR The Pit (628 8795/638 8891) Fri at 7.30pm. In repertory with The Custom of the Country and Mollère by Mikhail Bulgakov (today at 2pm and 7.30pm) Edward Bond's grim prophetic fantasy on themes from King Lear is even more compelling in this

close quarters studio setting. Squeamish viewers need a torture warning: otherwise Bob Peck and the cast promise a provocative. rewarding expenence. LUÇKY BAG Ambassadors (836 1171) Opens Mon at 7pm. Until Feb 25, Mon-Sat at 8pm Transferring from the King's Head,

Victoria Wood's new show brings an exuberant solo performance and some brilliantly incisive caban songs to brighten the West End. **MASTER CLASS** Old Vic (928 7616) Until Feb 25, Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 4pm and 7.45pm; matinées Wed at 2.30pm Stalin's 1948 pressure session with

composers Prokofiev and Shostakovich gives David Pownall the setting for an alarming yet sometimes horribly funny drama, full of food for thought on art and politics and the relation between them. Timothy West's fearsome Stalin is a complex study on the

Barbican (628 8795/8891) Mon-Thurs at 7.30pm; matinée Thurs at 2pm. In repertory with The Tempest and Much Ado About Nothing Stretching from 1945 to the present, David Edgar's vast chronicle play probes the British

MAYDAYS

Left's loss of direction and watches two characters changing political colour from red to blue. Long, often difficult and verbose for nonaficionados of socialist theory; but ambitious, complex and dramatically challenging at its best. With Antony Sher, John Shrapnel

and Bob Peck. MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING Barbican (628 8795/638 8891) Fri at 7.30pm. In repertory with The Tempest and Maydays Absolutely not to be missed, Terry Hands's production is a sheer delight and the outstanding success of the Royal Shakespeare Company's current Barbican season, Derek Jacobi and Sinead Cusack make a Benedick and

intelligence and charm. NIGHTSHADE King's Head (226 1916) Mon-Sat at 7.45pm (dinner from

Beatrice of exceptional wit,

6.45pm) Stewart Parker's likable surreal comedy makes something funny. touching and intellectually rich from some highly original elements: the who does conjuring tricks, a disappearing woman, a trustrated headmistress, a waggish bishop and a talking corpse.

NOISES OFF Savoy (836 8888) Mon-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.30pm; matinees Wed at 3pm After two years in London, Michael Fravn's farce of beckstage mishaps and misbehaviour during a ghastly rep-fodder sex comedy is still wildly funny. Amanda Barrie excels herself as the veteran

PACK OF LIES Lyric (437 3686) Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.15pm; matinees Wed at 3pm Hugh Whitemore's powerful study of a decent couple whose quiet suburban life is destroyed by a Kroger-style spy case. Judi Dench and Michael Williams find mpressively tragic performances in the most humdrum Surroundings.

RENTS Lyric, Hammersmith (741 2311) Until Mar 10, Mon-Sat at 7.45pm; matinees Thurs at 2.30pm, Sat at

4pm First seen at Hammersmith two years ago, Michael Wilcox's play (now directed by William Gaskill) looks at part-time rent boys in Edinburgh and their friends, and finds material for a play full of understanding, charm and raw wit. THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL

Duke of York's (836 5122) Until Mar 24, Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinees Wed and Sat at 3pm John Barton's handsome and ligent production has Donald Sinden and Beryl Reid in their broadest comic vein. THE TEMPEST

Barbican (628 8795/638 8891) Today at 2pm and 7.30pm, in repertory with Much Ado About Nothing and Maydays
Derek Jacobi's youngish vulnerable Prospero may be a departure from tradition, but Ron Daniels's highly enjoyable production gives full weight to the magic, comedy, near tragedy and spectacle in this difficult play.

PREVIEW Dance

ROYAL BALLET Covent Garden (248 1066). Today at 2pm and 7.30pm, Tues and Wed Jay Jolley replaces the injured

Charles Jude as Elisabeth Platel's partner for Swan Lake tonight. Fiona Chadwick and Stephen Jefferies dance it this afternoon Marguerite Porter and Jolley on Wed. La Fille mal gardée is given on Tues with Wendy Ellis. **FESTIVAL BALLET GROUP**

Dartford, The Orchard (32 77331). Tues and Wed at 7.45pm. Queen Elizabeth Hall (928 3191). Fri at 7.45pm Twelve dancers from Festival Ballet give a programme specially prepared for smaller stages, including solos from Les Sylphides and two premieres: Andre Prokovsky's The Aquarium, set to Gershwin melodies, and Emily, a dramatic work by present and former company members.

BALLET RAMBERT Manchester, Royal Northern College of Music (061 273 4504). Birmingham Rep (021 236 4455). Mon-Fri at 7.30pm and Feb 18

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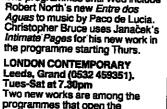
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The programmes until Wed include

programmes that open the company's spring tour. One, by Siobhan Davies, uses a contemporary piano score, Phrygian Gates, by John Adams (Tues, Wed); the other, by Robert Cohan (from Thurs), is set to Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 3 and Chaconne in D Minor for

SCOTTISH BALLET Glasgow, Mitchell Theatre (bookings at The Ticket Centre, (041 552 5961). Fri and Feb 18 at

A programme of divertimenti opens the company's annual series of "Dance Diversions", which this year extends to Edinburgh as well as Glasgow and continues until Mar 7. Details from Scottish Ballet (041 331 2931).



Stars: Wendy Eliis and Fiona Chadwick (see the Royal Ballet)

Critics' choice

DREAMS-VISIONS-METAPHORS Photographers' Gallery, 5 and 8 Great Newport Street, London WC2 (240 1969). Tues-Sat

11am-7pm Superficially gentle, deeply exploratory pictures by the littleknown Mexican photographer Manuel Alvarez Bravo of his native land. Landscapes, buildings, people and objects are often used as symbols in a dissertation on mankind's fate. **AUTOGRAPHS**

The Cambridge Photographic Gallery, The Bath House, Gwydir Street, Cambridge (0223 350725) Ends tomorrow, today 12-8pm, tomorrow 12-6pm Opening show for this new gallery which has invited 47 photographers to submit self-portraits or pictures that make a

statement about their identities as photographers. Several of the photographiers. Several of the photographs on show are seen for the first time. Contributors include Bill Brandt, Fay Godwin, Brian Griffin, Chris Steele-Perkins, Bruce Rae, Humphrey Spender and Sam Raekins. ANNIE LEIBOWITZ

The Olympus Gallery, 24 Princes Street, London W1 (491 7591). Ends Fri, Mon-Fri 11sm-7pm With her work for the American magazine Rolling Stone, Annie Leibowitz has carved a distinctive style of portrait photography which suggests the outrageous but which deals mainly in the contrived avant-garde with the avowed intention being to shock. I am not convinced that she deserves her reputation as a notable photographer but this show will please her admirers on this side of the Atlantic.

MAN OF MARK Flotogallery, 41 Charles Street, Cardiff (0222 41667). Ends today, 10am-5pm Fifty photographs from Alvin Langdon Coburn's collection which he presented to the Royal Photographic Society in 1930. It

IMAGES OF THE WEEK: Fidel Castro (right), pictured in 1971, IMAGES OF THE WEEK: Fidel Castro (right), pictured in 1971, and Evelyn Waugh (1964), two of the portraits that will go on show on Friday in an exhibition commemorating the seventy-fifth birthday of the world-famous photographer Yousuf Karsh of Ottawa. The exhibition is at the National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552) until April 28. Mos-Fri 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm. Admission 50p, students and pensioners 25p

includes portraits, Whistleresque landscapes and elevated cityscapes of New York which presage later revolutionary Russian photography.

GERRY GROVE MEMORIAL The Photogallery, The Foresters Arms, St Leonards, East Susaex. Until Feb 18, Wed-Set 11am-5pm Gerry Grove, who died in 1982, began printing for Bert Hardy after the demise of Picture Post in the late-1950s. He soon attracted some of the cream of British photographers. This memorial show includes work by Patrick Ward, Bryn Campbell, Eamonn McCabe, Ian Berry and many

NIGHT TRICK Kettle's Yard Gallery, Northampton Street, Cambridge

(0223 35124). Until Feb 19, Mon-Sat 12.30-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm

Photographs taken during the late 1950s by O. Winston Link which examine life around the railway in small-town, middle America. All rather stage-managed but some marvellous images, among the best of which is the drive-in movie complete with all-American youth, gas guzzlers and thundering locomotive.

THE BODY ELECTRIC Impressions Gallery, 17 Colliergate, York (0904 54724). Ends today 10am-6pm An exhibition of belief and dence photography from 1859 to the present day which includes work by Bassano, Disden and E. O. Hoppe among others.



PREVIEW Galleries

'Anyone who can be touched by art will be moved by this exhibition?" Terence Mullaly The Daily Telegraph



at the Royal Academy of Arts Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1 until 11 March 1984

The exhibition is sponsored by the Sea Containers Group and Venice Simplon-Orient-Express Ltd.

THE CITY'S PICTURES Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (638 4141). Tues-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun noon-6pm

A semi-permanent display of painting and sculpture belonging to the Corporation of London goes on show for the rest of the year. Many of the 70 or so works are well-known Pre-Raphaelite paintings, including Leighton's The Music Lesson, Holman Hunt's The Eve of \$t Agnes and Millais's My First Semon and My Second Semon. Sermon and My Second Sermon. There is also a room of Matthew Smith oil-paintings and a selection of photogravures by Edward Curtis.

DEREK JARMAN
ICA, The Mail, London SW1
(930 3647). Exhibition until March
18, Tues-Sun 12-9pm. Films and
video until Feb 26, Wed-Sun
9, 20pm and 9, 20pm. 6.30pm and 8.30pm One of the most versatile of modern British artists, Derek Jerman is a painter, theatre and film designer, writer and, most prominently of late, a film-maker. The ICA's representation of his work takes in his recent paintings

and a broader spread of his work in

films, including his own features Sebastiane, Jubilee and The Tempest, and various 16mm shorts, as well as videos and films SHERRIFFS

Main and terrace foyers, National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (928 2033). Until Mar 24, Mon-Set 10em-11pm Probably best remembered for his regular caricatures of film personalities in Punch, between 1948 and his death in 1961, Robert Stewart Sherriffs first achieved fame in the 1920s when he fame in the 1920s when he illustrated a series of barbed impressions of current celebrities by Beverley Nichols in *The Sketch*. His crisp and economical line probably owed something to his early training as an heraldic artist, but his sense of character was all his coan

TWENTIETH-CENTURY PORTRAITS National Portrait Gallery, London WC2 (930 1552). Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Set 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm The National Portrait Gallery's new

display of famous people who have

contributed to the character and development of the past 80 years They include William Roberts's double portrait of John Maynard keynes and his wife Lydia Lopokova; Ben Nicholson's self-portrait with Barbara Hepworth; and Bryan Organ's portrait of the Prince of Wales.

AXEL HAIG Royal Institute of British Architects, Heinz Gallery, 21 Portman Square, London W1 (580 5533). Until Feb 25, Mon-Pri 11am-5pm, Set 11am-1pm Internationally famous in the later internationally famous in the later nineteenth century for his intricate etched evocations of a Middle Ages both archaeologically accurate and suffused with Romantic feeling, Halg was Swedish in origin, but trained in England under William Burges as an architectural draughtsman. His own later work was almost entirely architectural, hence the venue for this new exploration of "The Victorian Vision of the Middle Ages"

WALTER GREAVES Michael Parkin Gallery, 11 Motcomb Street, London SW1 (235 8144). Until Feb 17, Mon-Fri

10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm Exhibition of two hundred come from the Marchant family and are on show for the first time. It was William Marchant who "rediscovered" Greaves and gave him a big exhibition in 1911.

THE OMEGA WORKSHOPS

Crafts Council Gallery, 12 Waterloo Place, Lower Regent Street, London SW1 (930 4811). Street, London SW1 (930 4811).
Until Mar 18, Tues-Set 10am-5pm,
Sun 2-5pm. Anthony D'Offay, 9
and 23 Dering Street, London W1
(499 4695). Until Mar 6, Mon-Fri
10am-5.30pm, Set 19am-1pm
Two matching shows
commemorate the Bloomsbury
Group's largest shouls contribution Group's largest single contribution to the visual arts in Britain. The artist-decorators involved were led by Roger Fry and included Duncan Grant, Vanessa Bell, Gaudier-Brzeska and Wyndham Lewis. Their highly coloured products included furnishing and decoration of all kinds, some of the production of all kinds, some of the production. of all kinds, some of it now quaintly period and some amazingly

LIGHT DIMENSIONS Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (589 3456). Until Mar 4, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm Sun 2.30-6pm Exhibition on the evolution of holography, the creation by laser of three-dimensional images which enables objects to float in space.

ISLAMIC ART AND DESIGN 1500-1700 7500-1700 Special Exhibitions Gallery, British Museum, London WC1 (636 1555). Until Feb 19, Mon-Set 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-6pm
Sun 2.30-6pm
An exhibition of the great
achievements of Islamic art produced under the Ottomans in Turkey, the Safavias in Iran and the Mogus in India. All three empires shared a common taste for hardstones, taxtiles, pottery, calligraphy and firearms. Pieces on show are selected from the rich collections of the British Museum and Library, the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Chester Beatty

Library and private collections. BRITISH ART AND DESIGN Room 74, Victoria and Albert Museum, London SW7 (589 6371).

Mon-Thurs and Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2.30-6pm The first of the new permanent galleries devoted to the twentieth century. The curators of the V & A have selected pieces they consider representative of the best of the decorative arts of the period.

THE GENIUS OF VENICE Royal Academy, Piccadilly, London W1 (734 9052). Until Mar 11, daily 10am-6pm The sixteenth century was the most glorious epoch for Venetian art. Carpaccio's painting "The Lion of St Mark" symbolizes Venetian power and introduces an exhibition of 300 masterpieces drawn from collections throughout the world and including the recently restored "Judgment of Solomon" painted by Giorgione or Sebastiano del Piombo or the two together.

Theatre: Irving Wardle and Authony Masters: Photogra-phy: Michael Young; Galleries: John Russell Taylor; Dance: John Percival

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INANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Lawson's lot eased at a statistical stroke

rig to run so late and so over budget.

Britoil is worried abut Trafalgar's lack of

experience in building offshore rigs, and,

understandably wants to give companies with greater experience in thebusiness a

chance to compete. Whoever wins the day,

Britoil may still go ahead with the cancellation of the rig if it believes there is

no realistic chance of getng it in time for the 1986 drilling season. By then it would

aircady be two years late.

The strategic logic of Trafalgar's move to get into the offshore rig-building business is sound. It would dovetail neatly

with its existing steel and rig superstruc-

ture manufacturing business in the North-east. And nobody has denied that the

terms Mr Broackes has been offered - the

"clean slate" extended by Mrs Thatcher -

are tempting, especially with the potential

of property development of the site

deal is becoming too messy, and it could

well come unstuck. Trafalgar House could,

still, be free to pursue its option on acquiring another North Sea yard, the British Steel yard at Methil in Fife.

Yesterday's meeting of the Building

Societies Association council ended in a

resounding anti-climax. The message: no

Meanwhile the societies are still pulling

in savers' money. Net receipts for January,

to be announced next week, will be more

than £900m which, even allowing for about £100m of "hot money" - savings

finding a temporary home after being switched out of offshore funds - is

comfortably above the monthly average of

£750m which the BSA believes necessary

The abolition of the cartel, ironically,

has helped to create this seemingly paradoxical situation because it has

removed the mechanism for reaching

agreement among the societies and yet no

individual society dare take the commer-

cial risk of going-it-alone in reducing rates.

The two biggest societies, the Halifax and the Abbey National still favour a one per

cent cut in savings and mortgage rates but they know that if they moved ahead of the

pack they would quickly find their intake

of savings drying up at the same time as

they were being overwhelmed with

They also fear that with money coming

in at the present rate, societies may find

themselves full of expensive deposits

which they are unable to lend out either

because the market is oversupplied or

because they simply cannot process

an important change in building societies'

priorities away from concern with keeping

rates low for existing borrowers toward satisfying the needs of new housebuyers

societies would pay the price to attract the

The majority view at yesterday's

council meeting was that net receipts

would show a seasonal fall in the next few

months when mortgage demand was

picking up and lending rising to new levels

around March or April. Furthermore, although queues are rapidly dwindling, the

suspicion remains that more voracious

homebuyers and home-improvers would

soon surface if the queues vanished. And

if customers are prepared to borrow

money at the present price, why reduce it?

watershed for taking stock. There must be

Mercantile House has made two points in

response to yesterday's note "Enter a third force in money broking". It was a

condition of the original purchase of Charles Fulton in 1982 that half the staff

would be made redundant, and Mercan-tile's subsequent sale of the profitable

parts of the company yielded £10.5m (not

£5.5m) and thus a handsome profit over

the purchase price of £6.5m.
It should also be made clear that the

reborn Charles Fulton has bought the money broking subsidiaries of Maybon,

Nugent and Godsell, not MNG itself.

every chance that rates will now come

down soon after March 13.

Charles Fulton

The Budget will provide a convenient

The abolition of the cartel highlighted

mortgage applications.

applications fast enough.

necessary funds.

to meet loan demand this year.

change in building society rates.

The great mortgage

From looking like anotable coup, the

thrown in for nothing.

anti-climax

With on tap on the statisticians which it feels should not have allowed the keyboard he Treasury has cut the Public Sector Boowing Requirement (PSBR) by up to halft billion pounds, widening still further it Budget leeway. By the time-honouredmethod of written parliamentary answr at the tail end of the week, the Chancelle of the Exchequer announced vesterday that public sector deposits would case to be counted as part of sterling 13 and would be excluded from

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Theres plenty of statistical justification anxiousl advanced by the Treasury for this mve: changes in public sector deposits an be large and erratic, and have no econmic significance. In one month they my rise or fall by as much as £500m. If the nonthly snapshot is taken, for exampl, at the moment before local authory deposits have been drawn down to repy borrowings, the statistics may record; misleading increase. (A rather less soothig explanation of the tendency for these eposits to rise over recent years is that Ical authorities have been increasing deposis to take advantage of high interest

Sine deposits are not in any way related to public expenditure, inter-national convention dictates that they should be excluded from the totals of putic borrowing or broad money. To this contention Mr Lawson is now graciously

but statistical purity is not the whole stdy. The change is mightily convenient te/he Chancellor. Over a full financial yd: the impact of public sector deposits of the PSBR has recently ranged from ninus £100m in 1979-80 to plus £500m in 1/80-81. On average, however, they have unded to increase public borrowing by parly £200m a year. In the current thancial year their impact has been much geater. £350m during the first three parters of 1983-84, and there is no reason suppose this increase will not be sistained through the fourth quarter. Ecluding deposits would reduce the monetary growth during this target period ly only about a quarter of a per cent, but rould have a far greater proportionate flect on the politically important PSBR.

The change will only take effect from the beginning of the 1984-85 financial year and the new target period for the monetary aggregates. It will make it significantly easier for the Chancellor to meet his published PSBR target in the Budget, or impress the markets by lowering that target below £8 billion. The change has been announced well in advance of March 13 in order to try to avoid accusations that cooking the Budget Red Book. What suspicious minds some people have!

Trafalgar runs into a Scotch mist

Trafalgar House was putting forward its boldest and most confident face yesterday, insisting that it still expects to carry the day with its controversial bid to buy Scott Lithgow from British Shipbuilders.

The company is meeting the unions at the yard on Wednesday, and it continues to voice doubts whether either of the rival bidders that have emerged so far -Howard Doris and a consortium led by Bechtel - could put a viable bid together at such short notice.

There is a touch of bravura about this: for it is clear that Mr Nigel Broackes and his Trafalgar crew, while they may win in the end, are running into a fog of difficulties. The political rumpus has reached a pitch which, while it will cause Mr Broackes no loss of sleep, can no longer be safely ignored by the Govern-

There is considerable pressure on Mr Graham Day, British Shipbuilders' chairman, not to explain why he wants to get rid of his corporation's greatest millstone (3 course the Government entirely supports), but why he appears so single-mindedly determined to sell it to Trafalgar

Relations between Trafalgar House and Britoil, owner of the unfinished rig languishing in the Scott Lithgow yard. appear to be deteriorating by the day. There is no love lost between them to judge by the scathing comments about

each other in private. Trafalgar House takes a less than charitable view of Britoil's management,

WALL STREET

Dow average up

by 5 points

the day's peaks.

5 points to about 1157.

about 31 million shares.

10 45.4 per cent.

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Chock Full O'Nuts rose 21/2 to

20% after American Financial

Corp said it had increased its

stake in the company from 29.3

US wholesale prices acceler-

ated by 0.6 per cent in January, making their biggest one-month

rise in more than a year as food

prices surged ahead in the wake

of severe winter weather, which

destroyed crops and livestock

New York (Reuter) - Wall

in privately-owned Jaguar

cent shareholding in Jaguar when the luxury car maker is floated as a public company in two months' time. It has also made a similar proposal to the Government in respect of Uniparts, BL's profitable parts and accessories subsidiary which is expected to follow

requires a 30 to 35 per cent holding as opposed to 51 per cent for absolute financial control. BL has told the Government that it would be happy with a minimum of 20 per cent but would prefer 25 per cent to ensure that it is the

state holding after privatization will not find favour with those

BL wants to retain a 25 per break" to avoid a further drain when Austin Rover goes private proposals, which will then have on state aid. But BL's board has presented a strong case which will almost certainly be approved by the Government within the next fortnight. It has emphasized that it is

seeking continued state participation through a substantial but minority shareholding for only a limited period. It insists this is necessary to ensure that Jaguar and later Uniparts are developed in the best interests of this country as well as the new

shareholders.
Although the close links between Jaguar and Uniparts have been put on to a formal contractual basis to make privatization possible, BL says it is imperative that the relationship should be sypathetic during the difficult runningin period.

It is even more worried about the situation that could arise

because of its much greater dependence on a fair deal from the privately-owned Uniparts to generate the substantial profits all car-makers depend on from the "after market".

This would seem to suggest that BL wants to retain its 25 per cent for as long as five years because most industry experts do not expect the group's biggest car-maker to be sufficiently profitable before then to attract private investors.

has already been set by BL and is only awaiting government approval. The preparation work has been complicated by the existence of BL's often-forgotten 65,000 surviving shareholders. Although retaining only a tiny portion of the as a first step towards an equity they will have to be eventual return to private formally notified of the Jaguar

But a spokesman for Lazards,

London Brick's merchant bank,

said: "If he really does believe

in market forces he will have to increase his bid". London

Brick's shares were 155p yester-day, still well above Hanson's offer, equivalent to 140p per

share, which values the com-

"The valuation was produced in

included in the balance sheet is

Lazards said of Lord Han-

pany at £212m.

to be approved at an extraordinary general meeting.

However the latter may not be necessary because BL's provisional financial results for 1983 are due out next month. followed soon afterwards by the annual meeting. The two events could be combined to provide the launch platform for Jaguar.

The possibility of a two-stage return to private ownership was hinted at by BL in its 1983 corporate plan which was lodged with the Government A date for Jaguar's flotation over a year ago. At the time this remark went almost unnoticed: "One of our objectives is to obtain investment of private sector funds in some of the next two years (1983 and 1984) ownership".

New share

price index

on Monday

By Graham Searjeant

The Stock Exchange will

launch its new computerized 100 share index at 9:35am on

Monday. It is likely to be called

the FT Stock Exchange Index and has been - calculated privately since January 3, the

first trading day of this year, from a base of 1.000, and the

first public calculation will probably be - about 1,025.

It is likely to replace the FT

industrial share index as the

main measure of share price changes in Britain.

The new index will reflect

changes in the prices of its

constituent shares within a minute. It has been set up in

response to calls from the

London International Financial

Futures Exchange, which plans

FT All Share: 481.97 up 0.71 Bargains: 24.131 Datastream USM Leaders Industrial Aver (latest) 1,159.44 up 6.70 Index 9.959.90 down 41 64 Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1050.77 down 39.31 Amsterdam: 164.2 up 2.0

down 1.4 Zurich: SKA General 308.20 up 1.90

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GOLD

Early rumours of President Andropov's death sent the dollar sharply higher yesterday morning but, after confirmation from Moscow, traders took their profits, leaving the US currency only 75 points up against the Deutschemark at DN22.7415.

Dollar

gains

The Soviet Union was a notable seller of dollars yesteday after heav bying on Thursday before the rumours

began.
The pound lost 90 points to \$1.4140, while its trade-weighted index fell 0.3mto 81.4.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 805.4 up 0.44 FT Gits: 82.49 up 0.11 Index: 102.89 up 0.44
New York: Dow Jones
Industrial Average: Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones

Sydney: AO Index 7434 down 4.3 Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1037.2 down 1.6 Brussels: General Index 140.80 up 0.9 Paris: CAC Index 163.6 x

CURRENCIES

Sterling \$1.4140 down 90pts

Index 130.2 up 0.4

INTERNATIONAL

London fixed (per ounce): am \$380.90 pm \$377.65 close \$378.25 (£267 25-267.75) New York (latest): \$378.25 Krugerrand* (per coin): \$390.00-391.50 (£ 276.50) Sovereigns* (new): \$89.00-90.00 (£62 75-63.50)

BL wants to keep 25% holding

Jaguar into private ownership before the end of the year. Management control usually

major shareholder.

The retention of such a large

government supporters who have been pressing for "a clean

Paul Channon: belped to win £225,000 order.

Red tape

for export

thanks to

By John Lawless

Authority and the contract -

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helped win the order – was for

The order went to the Rotunda company, of Denton, Manchester, which had paid

just 35p for a sales lead notice

and Industry's Export Intelli-

The EIS feeds information

from British embassies around

the world into a computer, and then offers them to British

exporters. Mr Geoff Davenport, Ro-

tunda's managing director, said: "Who would believe that

civil servants could cut through

perfectly timed and, in fact, we

have received a follow-up order

from Turkey for another

Rotunda, which makes specialist tapes for electrical insulation and duct sealing, Rotunda, which

followed up the tip-off and beat Japanese and European compe-

Mr Channon already has

what is officially being de-

scribed by his department as "his prize". He said: "The firm

gave us the reel of red tape and

The embassies complain that

much of their hard work goes to

waste, and the government is

making an effort to get more businessmen to use their

advance information about

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the

Foreign Secretary, last night told businessmen in Stockport,

Cheshire, that the commercial

serices overseas cost £60m a year to run - but that the EIS

produces, according to ex-porters' own figures, sales of at

"A fair return by anybody's measure," he said, "and achieved by a diplomatic service with a relatively small

number of staff - just over

least £1 billion a year.

titions to win the contract.

a certificate of merit

potential sales.

£50,000."

£225,000 worth of red tape."

Mr Paul Channon,

of his own civil servants.

Hanson challenges **Brick figures**

By Jonathan Clare

Hanson Trust yesterday tion released on Thursday) is made a strongly critical attack simply designed to avoid facing on London Brick's 215p per the facts of the market." share asset valuation on the grounds that it was so constructed that it "cannot be connected with its balance sheet or its recent profits forecast". But the half-expected third

bid by Hanson for the brick company did not appear during the the Stock Exchange's Trading hours. A new bid must be formally posted to shareholders Lord Hanson, believed to be son's criticism of the valuation:

in California, said in a statement yesterday: "We believe in order to demonstrate to sharemarket forces and the offer holders that Lord Hanson's represents just that - an offer was as inadequate as they excellent price for the company first thought. Whether it is This latest manoeuvre by included in the balance London Brick (the asset valua-neither here nor there".

Whitehall Aero agrees Coats bid

By Philip Robinson Minister for Trade is claiming the prize for Britain's most Coats Patons, the Scottish Newell's bid and said it was musual export order on behalf permier varus, cottons and fabrics group, yesterday laun-ched an agreed £3.7m counter "The customer," he said yesterday, "was the Tarkish Posts and Telecommunications bid for Britain's largest knitting

needle maker, Aero Needles Group.

Coats is bidding 85p a share

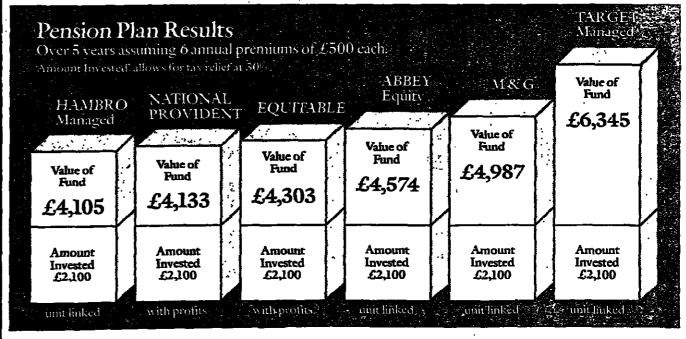
against a 60p-a-share bid launched last month by the British arm of lilionis-based Newell Furnishing. Aero rejected

including the German com-pany, William Prym-Werke, pany, have promised to accept the bid giving Coats around 33.37 per cent of the shares.

to launch a stock index futures contract within the next few months. The new index will operate on the same basis as the 747 trying to grab assets on the

constituent all-share index, by reflecting the market values of Aero's management is receach company rather than ommending the Coats bid and accepting with 6.32 per cent of the equity. Other shareholders treating all share prices as equal. it will e based on the 100 biggest companies traded largely on the London Stock Exchange and will thus be dominated by oil companies, and the large financial groups more than industrial

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End to US supply ban would hit Arabs

Japan may desert Opec oil

Street share prices remained higher in early trading yesterday, but prices pulled back from faced with a new threat to its from uncertain Middle East oil The Dow Jones Industrial Average, which had risen to share of world oil sales at a time supplies, would increase tax and when forecasts show that world consumption of its oil could fall output and would cut the US libl in the morning, was up by to 16 million barrels a day from trade deficit with Japan. the present 17.5 million. In the broader market, rising issues outnumbered declines by

The United States is considering whether to lift its ban 200,000 barrels a day, all of it replacing oil at present bought by Japan from Middle Eastern million barrels a day. Opec producers.

The proposal is being put forward by the Alaskan member in the coming months include in the US Senate, Mr Frank Saudi stockpiling in chartered Murkowski. He has tabled an amendment to legislation which allowed the construction of the export expansion with the Bailey Morris writes from Washington). Trans-Alaskan pipeline and I hanned exports of oil from the

The Organization of Petroleum Mr Murkowski argues that Exporting Countries (Opec) is lifting the ban would free Japan royalty income from increased

Other pressures working against a stable world oil market supertankers, Nigeria's need to increase oil revunue, Iraqi

There is now a real prospect

Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, a Nigerian Opec delegate.

Shaikh Yamani has indicated that any request by Nigeria to increase its output above its would personally support such a Niverian request and would

Your biggest problem will be selecting the best from

decision will be the size of your pension fund when you retire. And that will be determined by the success, or other-

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By David Young, Energy Correspondent

A report by the Arab Organization for Information sidering whether to lift its ban shows that Opec output could on exports of Alaskan oil to drop to 16 million barrels a day Japan. If it does, the Alaskan early this spring. But if Opec oilfields would supply up to accepts lower production in an

> completion of its new pipeline to Turkish ports and an increase

that Nigeria will be allowed to increase its output marginally to improve foreign earnings from

the Saudi oil minister and the most influential voice within Opec, arrived in Nigeria yesterday for talks with the new head of government Major General Mohammadu Buhari. Shaikh Yamani is a friend of the Major General Buhari since his days as

present 1.3 million barrels a day quota to nearer two million bpd would be given preferential treatment by Opec. He said he

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MARKET REPORT O by Michael Clark

Bid hope lifts TI shares

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings begin, Monday. Dealings end, Feb 24, Contango Day, Feb 27. Settlement Day, March 5.

recommendation from

Mr Ian Wasserman, former

the week

equivalent to 83p.

Hopes of a bid from across the Atlantic sent shares of TI Group, Britain's troubled engin-eering giant, leaping 16p to a new high of 218p yesterday. Dealers estimated that more than 4 million shares had been picked up by one mystery buyer amounting to 6.7 per cent of the total shares in issue. All week the market has been buzzing with rumours of a buyer bidding 10p above the present price outside the market place.

At this level the group is valued at around £129m. But a spokesman for TI said: "I know nothing about it at all."

Last night market pundits

were tipping General Electric of the US as the most likely party to make a bid. GE's interests range from jet engines to medical products and missile and radar systems. A bid for TI would be well within its means. But GE's spokesman denied it was buying the shares. "We are not aware of any such activities", he said. The broker Laing & Cruick-

shank was reported to have been a big buyer of the shares, but Mr Robert Stormonth-Darling, senior partner with the firm, said he had no comment

Last year pretax profits at TI tumbled £29.4m to £3.7m and

Fears of another round of price cutting in the Japanese drug industry sent Beecham sliding 8p to 295p yesterday, after 288p. Last year the group sold £170m worth of drugs in the Far East and last year's cuts of up to 25 per cent may have hit profits to the tune of £6m. The broker De Zoete & Bevan fears further cuts could again his profits by a similar margin.

for 1983 analysts are looking for TI's sharp rise in share price

was partly responsible for the sudden rally in the FT Index at the close. After fluctuating in narrow limits throughout the day it ended the account 4.1 up at 805.4 - a fall over the two week period of 34.1. Dealers said a firmer appearance on Wall Street also helped sentiment. Government stocks had a

better day, cheered by the last short of the low. inflation figures which made good reading. Prices at the longer end of the market rose by up to £\% in active trade and the director with the company, FT Government Secuities Index alone with the broker Simon & rose 0.11 to 82,49.

announced they held 7.1 mil-Blue chips closed mixed with Allied-Lyons sliding 1p to 148p. Blue Circle 2p to 418p, Bowater 2p to 260p, Distillers 2p to 252p. Glaxo 5p to 750p and Hawker Siddeley 8p to 392p. while Imperial Group rose 2p to

156p, Grand Metropolitan 2p to dav at 136p. 340p, Lucas Industries 4p to 213p, P & O deferred 3p to 267p. Vickers 3p to 131p, Boots

3p to 17lp and GEC 4p to in Turkey and Cyprus earlier Oils were dull faced with a this week, but dealers are new price war at the petrol hoping that the merger terms pumps. BP slipped 3p to 418p. The bid rumours at Grattan, the mail order group, refuse to lie down. Yesterday the shares rebounded 6p to 82p - just 5p Ultramar 3p to 639p, Lasmo 3p to 305p, Premier Consolidated 2p to 54p and Charterhall 3p to 72p. Only the selected few managed to resist the trend with

Britoil closing all square at 230p still reflecting the recent buy broker James Capel. Shell also rose 3p to 601p and Tricentrol added 4p to 200p after announcing its US plans earlier in the group is worth £36.4m.

now chairman of G. M. Firth (Holdings), made it clear why he has been building up a stake in the loss-making brewery and marine equipment group Porter Chadburn. Last night the two said they were in talks which may lead to Firth taking up new Porter shares or making a full bid for Porter at a price broadly Leading high street banks had

But Mr Wasserman, who speaks for 29.2 per cent of Porter, may have to pay more. Porter's shares jumped 11p on the announcement and a further 10p later in the day to close at 95p where it is valued at just over £3m. Firth eased 1/2p to Oil Field Systems Corpor-ation has bought 265,000 shares in American Oil Field Systems, unchanged at 28p.
The Prudential Corporation has been buying more shares in the Bishopsgate Trust, down 1p at 151p, and now owns about 24

per cent of the issued capital. But the Wesleyan & General Assurance Society has sold 275,000 shares in Hales Property, which is being bid for by Belgrave (Blackheath), reducing its holding to 289,000 shares, or 10.25 per cent. Hales slipped 3p on the news to 197p, just 2p F H Tomkins, the fastener manufacturer, rose 2p to 65p

after Mr Geoffrey Hutchings, a Coates and County Bank Hill fell 4p to 776p.

lion shares between them. Prince of Wales advanced 2p to 143p after rejecting the £7.9m bid from Mr Michael Carlton's Taddale Investments, but later slipped to close 5p down on the

Speculative support was good for 9p on Cornell Dresses at 290p. Mr Asil Nadir flew out for a tour of Polly Peck's operations

short of the year's high - as more than 300,000 shares changed hands. Dealers reported strong new time demand on hopes of a bid next account, but Sears, which once hoped to merge with Grattan, has already denied involvement. At this level

Slater Walker lieutenant and for Mr Nadir's three publicly quoted companies may be announced toward the end of March. Wearwell, the third leg of the deal slipped I p to 109p.

Another of Mr Nadir's companies, Strong & Fisher encountered profit dains after a lively account, sliding 7p to

> another mixed session with small gains reported in Barclays 5p at 552p. National Westminster 2p to 719p, but the Bank of Scotland lost 5p at 635p, Lloyds Bank 5p to 544 and the Royal Bank of Scotland 4p to 218p. The insurance composites continued to lose security. continued to lose ground after news earlier in the week that the bad weather that hit the British isles last month would cost the insurance companies a total of £70m. Commercial Union, due to report later this month, remained out of favour but closed above its worst levels of the day 1p lower at 175p. General Accident slipped 3p to 430p, Guardian Royal Ex-

change 5p to 520p and Royal Insurance 3p to 515p. Only Phoenix, still being tipped as the next likely takeover candidate, made any improvement, rising 10p to 448p. Gold shares reacted positively to the news of the death

the Soviet leader Mr Andropov, but failed to hold their best levels. RTZ rose 5p to 644p and Consolidated Gold Fields 5p to 552p, but Broken

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The company announce yesterday that Mr eter Warr has ceased to be managir director and is a longer director." The row toke out : Thursday's board seeting an is believed to cenie on W Warry's relations win the re-of the board. He is specied t get a small golden hadshake.

Mr Warry joined the con pany as general mager; October 1982, and becam managing director in Octobe ... 1983. The chairman Mr Reg nald Mercado, is taing ove until a new managing prector

Yesterday's half-yes figure from Tuesday, show abrofit of £151,000 against £605,00.

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maintained at an ajuste 1.625p. Turnover has intease sharply to £6.3m fron 2n Restructuring costs are carge above the line at £172,000 The shares fell 20p to 5p (

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to object - subject to Pilkington accepting two principal con-ditions, which it has agreed to do. The commission's final decision will be known after the normal 60 days waiting period.

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When the Saints plan retirement

Sun Life, which runs one of the better pension plans for the selfemployed, has come up with a useful addition

A range of unitized funds is already available to investors in the Sun Life pension scheme and Sun Life has now added the option of a fund which invest in the shares of the Scottish American Investment Company. It is called the Saints Personal Pension Plan.

The appeal of any investment trust is the gearing and if you add the tax relief on pension contributions, you are buying a lot of assets for each pound

Scottish American shares stand at a discount on their asset value of more than 25 per cent. This means that for every invested in the Saints before tax relief, the policyholder will obtain the benefit of £125 of assets. Add to this the tax relicf at a minimum of 30 per cent and every net contribution of £100 buys about £190 worth of assets.

The twist is that if you are a Scottish American shareholder, you can transfer your holding to the pension scheme and add additional contributions - all at a 3 per cent discount.

Business booklets

Three new booklets from the Institute of Chartered Accounterits will be of particular use to small businesses. Directors' Transactions sets out the legislation for each category of transaction. It covers loans, quasi-loans, transaction. It covers loans, quasi-loans, credit transactions, property transactions, disclosure and the responsibilities of the auditor. Payments on Termination of Employment gives details of the 1982 legislation and deats with the circumstances and amount of any payment, applications of PAYE, tax relief and other problem

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insurance package

Housebuyers who borrow from Lloyds Bank will be offered a complete insurance package covering buildings, contents, and monthly loan repayments if the borrower is unable to work through disability or unemployment.

The buildings cover is a fairly standard £1.50 a year for each £1,000 of insurance, but the contents power leaks

21.50 a year for each £1,000 of insurance, but the contents cover looks expensive at £3.50 to £11 per £1,000 (depending where you live). It is difficult to evaluate the unemployment and disability cover. The most similar type of policy is a permanent health plan which provides monthly benefits if you are unable to work through illness.

To provide £100 a month permanent health cover for a 39-year-old should not cost much more than £50 a year. By comparison, the Lloyds unemployment/disability cover of £100 a month costs £66 a year (£5.50 a month) but benefits are paid for only 12 months if unemployed or 24 months for disability or sickness. A permanent health policy would pay benefits for the rest of your working life if necessary.

Card guard

Credit card theft must be booming, as a second "insurance" scheme to cope with this eventuality has just been launched, competing with the existing Card Protection Plan.

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Fund for ventures

A £7.3m fund has been set up to provide finance for unquoted companies, by Hoare Govett the stockbrokers and Candover Investments, the management

The joint venture find, called Hoare Andover, will invest in management buyouts and provide development capital for manufacturing or service companies. It will support advanced technology vantures, but it will not confine itself to

Finance will be within the range £100,000 to £735,000. Further details from: Hoare Candover Exempt Fund, 4-7 Red Lion Court, London EC4A 3EB. Tel: 583 5090.

Charitable tender

People who want to get rid of their old halfpennies (soon to be withdrawn from circulation) can take them into any branch of National & Provincial which will give the whole amount direct to charity through collecting boxes at the branches. The collection will be organized regionally to benefit local charities.

The Royal Mint will stop producing the halfpenny on March 29 and it will cease to be legal tender before the end of the year. National & Provincial's scheme could raise more than £500,000 for charity. People who want to get rid of their old



Elgar for charity

Anthony Quayle, the actor, will play the role of Sir Edward Elgar in a charity concert to commemorate the fiftieth antiversary of the composer's death. The sponsor is Diners Club, which will be giving £5,000 to the Save the Children Bone Marrow Unit Appeal, for inster Hospital. The concert is on February 23 at Westminster Abbey, in the presence of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

A 10% chance

A new variation on the building society regular savings scheme gives lump sum investors in the 50-plus age bracket the chance of earning 10 per cent net of basic rate tax on their money. The company which provides the insurance company which provides the insurance

company which provides the insurance cover is giving concessionary rates. Run by Leicester Building Society, the investor puts £2.000 to £10.000 in a high-yielding Leicester-card Tempus account which pays 8.25 per cent net of basic rate tax. This is used to fund regular premiums into the Zurich Life Building Society linked scheme, with the investor picking up the benefits of life assurance premium relief along the way. The account can be cashed in at any time The account can be cashed in at any time after the first four years without penalty for basic rate taxpayers.

Rebuilding protection

Anglia Building Society is offering its borrowers the chance to insure their homes for full rebuilding cost – whatever that might amount to. The new policy which costs £1.80 a year for each £1,000 of cover compared with streams. of cover compared with standard cover at £1.50, guarantees to meet rebuilding costs in full

To qualify, the Initial sum insured must not be less than the rebuilding costs provided by the society's valuer and must be index-linked. The building must be of standard construction and the sum insured adjusted in the event of extension or improvement.

The policy will be available to new borrowers from March, and existing borrowers will be able to transfer to the new contract, subject to a sum-insured

Budget insurance

The general feeling is that the Chancellor will in the Budget clamp down on the advantageous "discounted gift" capital transfer tax avoidance schemes.

Medical and Professional Insurance Brokers has come up with a plan which allows you to invest now, but if there is anvihing nesty in the Rufriest which

allows you to Invest now, but if there is anything nasty in the Budget which affects these schemes retrospectively, you will be able to back out.

The Legal and General scheme is the best known of the few on offer and Medical and Professional says it has negotiated for its clients who invest now the right to withdraw for up to two weeks after the Budget. Anyone wanting to know more should get in touch with Medical and Professional at its Liverpool head office. head office.

World cover

Insurers are at least waking up to the fact that there is considerable demand for year-round travel insurance from those who go abroad frequently. Pickfords Travel has just launched a policy designed for the business traveller. It covers all the normal risks medical expenses, loss of money and baggage, third party liability, accident insurance, and cancellation – but is not

cheap, at £86 a year for cover in Europe and the Mediterranean, or £116 worldwide.

And it does not begin to compare with the Centurion cover available to American Express cardholders who for an annual premium of just £35 get £50,000 worth of medical fees insurance workfuride Barcess and other stellars worldwide. Baggage and other risks can be covered as optional extras for a small extra premium. This policy must give the best value availabe, and it is worth joining American Express just to get the cover.

Fixed rate at Spa

Do not miss the chance of receiving a guaranteed 9 per cent net of basic rate tax with Learnington Spa Building Society's new fixed rate, one year Spa Bond. Most building society bonds offer a guaranteed differential over the societies' ordinary share tate, but the interest rate is otherwise variable.

Learnington Spa's bond is, however, paying a fixed rate of return guaranteed for the 12 months. These offers are usually fully subscribed quickly so do not

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Minimum investment is £2,000 with a £30,000 per person maximum, or £60,000 for a married couple.

If you cannot afford the minimum of £2,000 then Birmingham and Bridgwater Building Society is offering a fixed rate share account paying 8.6 per cent, net of basic rate tax, for a minimum investment of only £500. Like the Leamington Spa's bond, it is a 12-month investment.

£23 billion question

The building societies are all set to lend £23 billion during the coming 12 months — but they do not know whether it will be enough to satisfy demand. "The major difference between the mortgage market and other markets currently is that statements from the suppliers of statements from the suppliers of mortgage finance about the availability of their product have a direct influence on the number of customers entering the market. A building society executive has only to say to the press that mortgage queues are declining at his society to

ensure that within a few days the very opposite is the case," an article in the BSA's Bulletin says.

Currency bond

Fund manager Patrick Whittingdale, whose has been successful at managing gilts fore Lloyd's members, is launching a currency bond fund this year. This follows the successful debut of his shorted dated gilt unit trust which pulled in £10m of the firm higher rate taxpayers and members of Lloyd's within months of its launch last September.

Remortgage offer

Do you need some cash to buy a car, build a garage or pay for your holiday? Insurance broker Chase de Vere has money available for remortgages (get some of the equity out of your house) at 12 per cent. You will not get tax relief on it that part of the loan which is used to buy a car, but it is still cheap borrowing. Tax relief is available only on "qualifying" relief is available only on "qualifying" loans used to purchase or improve your

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Piggy banking

In spite of the fact that it is poor value for money, 250,000 children have been persuaded to open a Piggy Bank account with the NatWest. The account pays only the basic seven-day detosit rate of 5.5 per cent when 7.25 per cent is easily obtained from a building society. To add insuit to injury, the child's expected to pay £1 for the starter park and a piggy and the starter park and a piggy at the child's expected to pay £1 for the starter park and a piggy at the starter park and a piggy at the child's expected to pay £1 for the starter park and a piggy at the starter park and a piggy at the child's expected to pay £1 for the starter park and a piggy at the child's expected to pay £1 for the starter park and a piggy at the child's expected to pay £1 for the starter park and a piggy at the child's expected to pay £1 for the starter park and a piggy at the child expected to pay £1 for the starter park and a piggy at the child expected to pay £1 for the starter park and a piggy at the child expected to pay £1 for the starter park and a piggy at the child expected to pay £1 for the starter park and a piggy at the child expected to pay £1 for the starter park and a piggy at the child expected to pay £1 for the starter park and a piggy at the child expected to pay £1 for the starter park and a piggy at the child expected to pay £1 for the starter park and £1 for the child expected to pay £1 for the starter pay £1 for the child expected to pay £1 for the starter pay £1 for the child expected to pay £ pay £1 for the starter pack and a piggy

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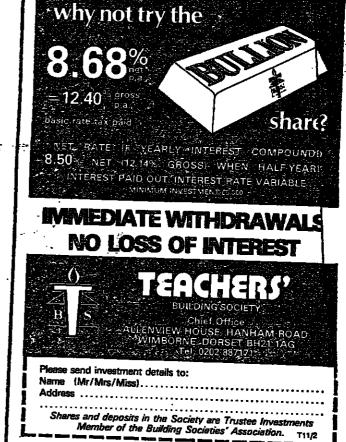
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currencies only to take advan-tage of dips in the dollar. It has

been actively dealing since

January 31 when the fund held

8 per cent in Deutschemarks and 17 per cent in yen. The following day the fund bought

12 per cent sterling and increased its Deutschemark

holding to 17 per cent. It sold

the Deutschemarks after five days to take a profit leaving a

holding of 16 per cent in yen

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Currencies

Dealers who dice with the US dollar prepare to fend off effects of a tumble

The ollar has been riding high on e international currency marks, but all the experts agrethat it is heading for a fall.

This questions are: when will fall and by how much? Maniers of the large currency fund have been shifting the mix other currencies to reflect their iew of the world currency

Soic funds, such as Hill Some tungs, such as come Samel, have never held the dollar Fund manager Mr. George Stephens said: "We Stephens said: have lways regarded the dollar with real suspicion. That has been mistake. We have missed out on some currency strengths." Others such as Targe and Schroder have not held ollars for some months.

MrJohn Gittings of Target Manaed Currency Fund said: We are been looking for a break in the dollar. curren conditions it is difficult for a urrency manager to pinpoint te breaking point."

He vanted to anticipate any slide a the value of the dollar and amus that by getting out of dolars some months ago he got ou too early.

Mr Peter Burrows of Brown Shiply, like the other esperts. expecs the dollar to crack, but he stil believes there are profits to be mide from it. His fund held dollars until mid-November, had some at the turn of the year, and now holds 20 per cent of the find in dollars. "Most of the professionals are saying that it is going to crack but they are not prejared to put any date on

The dollar is performing a balancing act supported by high interes rates, international tension nd dept crises and feeling of political stability in the U. Yet, pulling in the other

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Mr Burrows is a long term bear of the dollar, believing that the US cannot escape from the basic laws of economies. "If the country was anywhere other than the US ub the mid-80s, the one thing that is certain is that the currency would be cracking. Some people say that because the US is special it cannot happen - but I cannot believe that the States is impervious to economic rules.

He would advise a small investor to be ready to get out perceived. The fund has now of dollars but to hang on as long as possible. If you wait until there are definate signs that the the same level.

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direction. America has a huge dollar is on the turn you will probably only miss the first two ot three percetage points of the slide - and will have done very well out of the holding.

The Guinness Mahon fund has already limited its exposure to the dollar. At the beginning of the year 30 per cent of the fund was held in dollars and 40 per cent in yen which the fund manager, Mr Howard Flight, regards as a dollar-linked currency. "For a number of reasons we felt that the possibility of the dollar weakening was greater than the market cut its holding of dollars back to 25 per cent and the yen back to

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both ways. The Royal Bank of Canada's currency fund is essentially a dollar fund, it invests in other

Savings

Friendly perks for investors

The Savers Assurance Society exempt friendly societies, has linked-up with Aitken Hume investment management to offer investors what it describes as "the best of both worlds".

Plan 2000 is a 10-year contract with all the usual perks - the friendly society pays neither corporation nor capital gains taxes and the proceeds of the plan are entirely tax-free. It aims to offer security by investing 50 per cent in gilts through top broker. Greenwell and high growth with 50 per cent in Aitken Hume's American and Japanese technology

Tuesday when the two cur-rencies were sold at a profit. The fund now stands at 83 per Being a friendly society plan providing an extra 42 per cent growth over taxed funds growing at the same rate, there is a drawback. There is a limit to the sum you can invest. It is £288 for 20 to 50 year olds and "We do not see any reason why the dollar should come £311 for 60-year-olds (the down at the moment. When it maximum age), and you have to either be married or have We are watching it by the depenent children.

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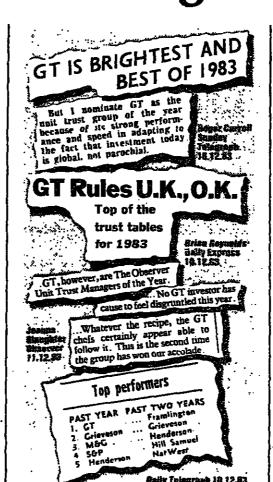
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Hang Song Index has jumped by more than a quarter since the start of the year and achieved a 17 month high of 113 1.12 on 6th February. Gartmore Hong Kong - Top Trust. The dramatic rise in the Colony's investment

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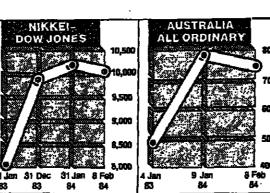
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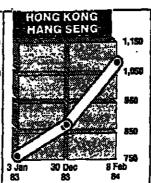
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State of the markets round the world since the beginning of last year.

Wall Street slide fails to shake long-term outlook of investors

President Reagan's refusal to take steps to curb the United States budget deficit was the decline will necessarily con-tinue. Mr Ian Maxwell Scott of technology stocks which have cent in the US. For those still be says. cause of the trouble, aggravated by Mr Paul Volcker's strong criticism of the President's already taken some of our funds out of the US, but we do not see this as the beginning of a long bear market. We think it will As chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Mr Volcker's views carry enormous weight and in a swingeing attack on the president's fiscal policies stabilize and at this stage we are

saying stick with it. "We would like to see the dollar steady, but I think This is a fight that the President had hoped to put off until after the autumn election, probably the days of stable currencies are over. Longer term we see the dollar reaching parity with the pound by the and the immediate reaction was for the dollar to slide along with end of the decade", he says.

But Mr Maxwell Scott is not loomy about the prospects for US shares: "We see areas of

tinue. Mr Ian Maxwen Scott the stockbroker, Scrimgeour taken quite a beaung taken quite abeaung taken quit slide on Wall Street", he says.

Neither is Mr Peter Edwards of Premier Unit Trust Brokers. though for his discretionaly clients he has already reduced their American exposure to no more than 20 per cent of their portfolios. He says: "We were unhappy some months ago with the US and decided to hedge our bets and go further into

heavily invested in the US his advice is switch into Japan -

quite bullish about the US. "I out of the way, but after the think if Reagsan is forced to autumn, things could look give a bit on the budget deficit and the situation stabilizes, you This is a vice could have a very good 1985 on Wali Street."

the reaction from Mr Alan who manages the successful Prolific Unit Trusts. "We have not taken any significant liquidity. I think this is a relatively short reaction and His clients are now 50 per it could easily bounce back. It has dawned that this could

He thinks there will be continuing uncertainty until both the American election and

This is a view shared by Mr Stuart Goldsmith, Investment Director of unit trust group, Britannia. He says: "In the Britannia. He says: "In the short term the slide on Wall Street is a reaction to the tightness of monetary policy over the last few months. Combined with the budget deficit problems, the realization cent invested in Japan, 25 per does still appear to be the mean a period of low growth."

He believes, however, that this is a short-term readjust-ment. Later in the year they announces tax increases for 1985. I would say this is a temporary situation", he says.

"We are much further into the bull market here and we would not be altogether surprised to see a 15 per cent decline in our market. But none of the problems confronting the US apply in Britain, Mr

Though the outlook is generally good, Mr Goldsmith believes that there are technical factors involved here. "We have seen quite a differential deequities and the relative risk/ reward ratio has temporarily tipped in favour of gilts. You may well see the British market drop further in percentage terms than the US, but I think it will all come right", he says.

Lorna Bourke

Banking

An account with a cunning twist

account launched by the Mid- high interest account an orce land this week should raise a cheer from anyone with a bank account. For it is sure to provoke a rapid response from the other big banks and hasten the changes in personal banking society, but are prepared services, which are steadily increasing the choices open to Available to both customers

and non-customers, the Midland account is by no means the first of its kind. Money-fund or high-interest cheque accounts have been on offer for some time from several merchant of Scotland; Co-operative Bank, one of the pioneers in this field, has been offering its own version of an interest-bearing current account for some time. National Westminster also offers its Cashwise account, but this pays a poor rate of interest.

Midland, however, has started something which the other big banks cannot afford to

Customers have to keep at least £2,000 in the new account and interest is payable at 9 per cent (9.3 per cent Annual Percentage Rate). You can write as many cheques as you like for a minimum of £200 as well as being able to cash one cheque daily for £200 at Midland branches. There are no charges on the account, although there is a stiff penalty for falling below the £2,000 minimum: the interest rate drops to the sevenday deposit rate of 5.5 per cent until the minimum is restored.

the richer customers, but Midland has been rather

free of charges providing it kept in credit. This broades the appeal to those who perhal have money saved in a building sacrifice some interest (socie ordinary share accounts pay t equivalent of 10.35 per ce gross) to obtain free curre account banking and the faci ties that go with it at a clearing bank.

Meanwhile others are already looking at ways of bettering Midland's scheme. Later to month Save & Prosper, which together with Robert Fleming the banker, offers a high interse wrap a revamped model. Til will include a guarante overdraft and Visa card which believes will mark a signific break with the traditio structure of bank accounts.

Elsewhere there was a sant surprise for Yorks Bank's customers this when it announced that its branches were becoming so busy that it was extending opening hours by an extra 45 minutes each day. The hours, from 9.15am to 4.00 will start from April 2.

Yorkshire's success is d it keeping it sweet and simits free banking for custom who stay in credit has prov charges are going up for those who do not stay in credi, with the cost of each debit up from who do not stay in credi. This appears to be aimed at debits rising from 18p to 3pl

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exceptional circumstances joint household income of pension schmes. SHAC, the £15,000 but still receive benefit London Housing Aid Centre, how far up the scale it can go.

But another 2.2 million with incomes well below average and November. including 1.3 million pen-

although how hard they will hit the Government is to hold talks with the local authorities to try to limit the cumulative impact of the changes on individuals. The Social Security Advisory

this week working out what the watchdog in these mattes - Government's cuts in housing castigated the original proposals benefit will mean this April and and recommended that to one November for 2.2 million should lose more than £2 a recipients of what is easily the week.

Housing charities and local hensible and contentious of all authorities have been quick to the benefits in the £37 billion produce examples wher that will happen. For while the Government

one in three - receive help April will be only 70p, and that with rent and rates through under 5 per cent will see cut of housing benefit. It chews up £4 over £2 then the impact will be billion a year in public spending.

Government's figures ilso do And ministers justifying their not allow for the icreased cuts – which will now total contributions it is specting £195m this year and £215m non-dependents - molly chil-next, instead of the £230m dren who have left school and originally proposed - have been often elderly relatives - o make quick to point out that it goes to the household budget followhigher up the income scale than ing increases in the dedictions any other means-tested benefit. in benefit for these groups that

Among the victims three wage earners each bringmany pensioners with hoomeing in £5,000 a year, giving a from savings or occupational has been quoted by Dr says, for example, that a single Rhodes Boyson to show just pensioner with a retirement and occupational pension producing Under the new proposals, an income of £4,000 a year much of that will change. (£76.92 a week), and paying £23 Nearly 500,000 households will a week in rent and rates will lose housing benefit altogether. lose £2.33 a week in April, rising to £3.32 a week from

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A family with one chid at sioners, will see their benefit school and a 17-year-old living reduced. In some cases the at home with an income of £135 The April changes will be limited, the full impact not falling until November, although how hard they will be a week, paying £33 rent and rates will lose £2.95 a week in April and £7.28 from November, on present limited. November, on present plans. Examples of losses of up to £10 then is confused by the fact that a week have been quoted by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities.

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Portable pensions

Inquiry team sifts 1,500 opinions in quest for a better retirement deal

The subcommittee of five at the Department of Health and Social Security is going to have its work cut out to get through the 1.500 letters and submissions sent in by pensions experts and the public on the thorny question of portable pensions. Submissions had to be made by January 31, and now the team, with Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, as chairman, is getting down to analysing the evidence and coming to a reasonably quick decision on the best way of giving a better pensions deal to those who change jobs or retire early.

There is general agreement that something has to be done for those who change jobs, leaving a trail of frozen pension benefits. Inflation rapidly crodes the buying power of these benefits and many job changers end up with no

pension worth mentioning.
The other members of the subcommittee are Mr Barney: Hayhoe Minister of State at the Treasury, Mr Marshall field, chairman of the Occupational Pensions Joint Working Group, Professor Alan Peacock, vicechancellor of the University of Buckingham, and Mr Mark Weinberg of Hambro Life. Portable pensions have been picked out for special examin- ployee has opted out of the an occupational scheme can ation by the Inquiry into Provision for Retirement, also under the chairmanship of Mr

Of the submissions made to the inquiry, the most radical have come from the Liberal Party's Social Services and Taxation Panel which recommends abolishing the state earnings-related pension scheme and using the money saved to increase the basic pension by 25 per cent. It also wants to see membership of



Pensions review: Mr Norman Fowler (chairman, front) with his team, from left, Mr Marshall Field, Mr Mark Weinberg, Mr Barney Hayhoe, and Professor Alan Peacock

to 3 per cent of an employee's wages to a private pension arrangement where the emcompany pension scheme.

One of the most comprehensive reviews has been submitted by Richards Longstaff, the pensions experts with considerable experience of setting up, and operating, portable pensions schemes.

The big debate is whether it is wise to shift from a final salary scheme where pension is linked to earnings just before retirement date, to a "money purchase" arrangement. This would be necessary once people were making their own pension

optional, and employers being arrangements or moving their ployees are restricted to the obliged by law to contribute up entitlement from an occu- amount of pension they can pational scheme into their own personal plan. At the moment, only those in

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Richards Longstaff believes that both the employed and self-

employed should be restricted

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enjoy a pension linked to their final salary. The self-employed have to be content with a "money purchase" type scheme whether they like it or not, as the cost of providing final salary benefits can be underwritten only by an employer who is prepared to pump more money into the fund if insufficient has been set aside to provide the

promised pension. Richards Longstaff would like to see employed and selfemployed treated on the same to see much higher limits than are currently allowed the selfemployed. Anyone under 30 should be free to put away up to 25 per cent of annual pensionable earnings in an approved pension scheme, rising to 50 per cent of earnings for those over the age of 60. At the moment the self-employed limit for most people is 171/2 per cent.

They also want to see much more flexibility on retirement ages, with employers obliged to offer lump sum transfer values to employees which can be invested in their own pension scheme when changing jobs. They would also like to see much greater investment free-

On this last point, there are many who advocate the American system where everyone is allowed tax relief on contributions (up to a certain level) made to a special pension account. This pension account can be held with a bank, and a number of other approved institutions, and the money can be used to invest in a wide range of securities.

Surprisingly, the building societies, which might be the main beneficiary of any relaxation in pension rules, have down in favour of maintainging the status quo.

The objection to portable pensions is that a job-changer with a large lump sum to invest from his previous employer would be easy prey for the made to a pension scheme rather than limited on the hoards of cowboy investment

The Building Societies Association is also sceptical about whether people will actually make any provision at all for their retirement unless they are compelled to.

The giants of the pensions industry, the insurance com-panies, are opposed to any thing that will transfer money out of existing occupational pension schemes (which they manage for fat fees) into the hands of other investment institutions.

The most likely outcome of the inquiry will be ratification of the Occupational Pensions Board's recommendations with a few frills added. This would mean that employers wold be obliged to uprate the frozen pension benefits of early leaves by the lesser of S per cent a year or the rate of inflation. This might be coupled with a banning of any compulsion to join a pension scheme, giving all new entrants to pension schemes the right to opt out and make their own pension arrangements.

The more knotty problem is whether employers will be obliged to make contributions to the personal pension plans of employees who have opted out of the company pension scheme. It may well be that the Government will decide that this could impose too great a financial burden on the large numbers of small firms which have no pension scheme, but would also be required to contribute.

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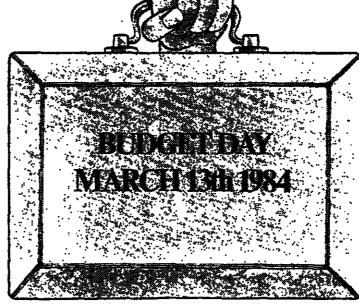
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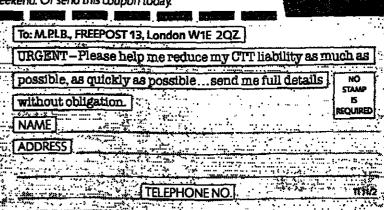
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Rewards of debt for the adventurous

Institutions and individuals with a taste for contrary thinking may be intrigued by a new bond fund being marketed by Drexel Burnham Lambert the American investment bank

and securities dealer. Called the High-Yield Income Fund and technically being promoted by Finsbury Group, a vehicle specially set up by Drexel in Bermuda, the fund will specia- far that they trade essentially on lize in debt issued by troubled a yield basis. Another 15 per smallish and mainly unrecog- cent of the initial portfolio will nized American companies.

If that sounds risky, it should be remembered that similar bonds have been downgraded

United States. More than \$50,000 is now under management in them. Typically, they yield between 300 and 400 basis points more than AAA bonds and in the past five years have outperformed funds investment in AAA bonds.

The portfolio of the new fund, which is specifically aimed at Europeans wishing to climb on to the high-yield bandwagon, will closely resemble its American counter-

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are convertible stock whose underlying value has fallen so the market. funds have boomed over the because of apparent financial last five or six years in the predicaments. It is at this point that one

AAA bonds? Well, the answer appears

chiefly to lie in the type and charge, intensity of the financial analysis to which a company's debt is front-end fee of 3 per cent of the

parts. The two biggest slices will be 25 per cent in emerging credits, lesser known companies company is profitable – indeed which have been undervalued by credit rating agencies, and 20 per cent in "busted service its obligations. Analysis and Solomon Asset Manager-convertibles". by credit rating agencies, of its debt – but whether it can and 20 per cent in "busted convertibles"

In the wonderful jargon of Wall Street, busted convertibles are convertible stock whose are convertible stock whose may easily be undervalued by

These funds can therefore yield about 12 per cent on income and 15 per cent on capital gains - which is what Drexel hopes the Finsbury fund will achieve. In fact, extra leverage could raise the overall return to 40 per cent. But as befits a reputable firm.

It is at this point that one could become a little nervous, and equanimity is unlikely to be restored by the discovery that 5 per cent of the High Yield income Fund is to be put into what are frankly called "bank-ruptcy situations". How can such a fund be less risky than AAA bonds?

But as befits a reputable firm. Drexel is treading gently. It is aiming for \$25m in subscriptions before the present closing date of February 17. Investment is in shares of \$100, to be quoted in Luxembourg in minimum lots of \$150,000. The fund is designed to be free of United States witholding tax. United States witholding tax. and there is no redemption

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might reveal, for instance, that a ment and who are under no obligation to trade through Drexel, receive 0.5 per cent each from the fund. The idea may catch on among more adventurous European investors.

Wagon Finance

After dashing some to the market's hopes in the first half, Wagon Finance has romped home for the whole year. Pretax profits of £2m are double those made last year, and the trend is definitely upwards, so long as interest rates do not risc

unexpectedly. The increase in Wagon's turnover from £18.8m to £22m somewhat understates the company's position. With about 80 per cent of its business concentrated on vehicle finance Wagon has been well placed to take advantage of the boom in car registrations, and the recov-

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Against that, the company must cope with the costs of complying with the next year' changes under the Consumer Credit Act. But it enjoys the cushion of uncarned finance charges up from £16.7m to £17.9m, while instalment credit balances rose sharply by some £9m to £97.4m

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Building societies Ordinary share accounts - 7.25 per cent. Term shares - between 0.5 per cent and 2 per cent over the 8SA recommended ordinary shares rate depending on the term. Regular savings schemes - 1.25 per cent over BSA recommended accounts, 1 to 1.25 per cent above

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Fixed term, fixed rate Investments of between 3 and 10 years, interest paid half-yearty without deduction of tax: 3 years, 10½ per cent; 4-5 years, 17 per cent; Further information from: 91 Waterloo Road, London SE1 (11.928 7892) (01-9287822)

Finance house deposits (UDT)
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Foreign currency deposits
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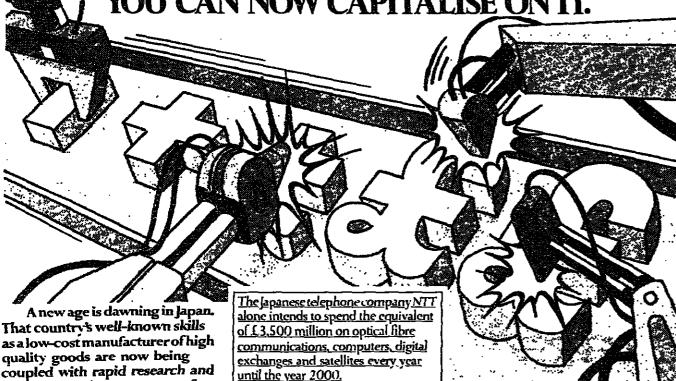
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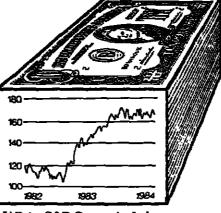
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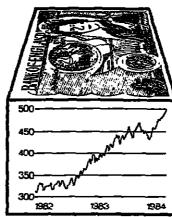
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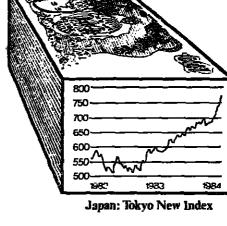
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staging John Player Cup games. Both cup games are postponed third-round ties: the winners of Gosforth's encounter with Wasps face the daunting task of travelling to meet Orrell, the Northern merit table leaders, while a happier fourth-round prospect faces Sale or Moseley, who have a home tie against Nottingham or Stourbridge (who meet under lights at Beeston on Tuesday).

Gosforth have their three current Gosforth have their three current internationals. Bainbridge and White, of England, and Pollock, of Scotland, restored to their ranks against a Wasps team including Moss, formerly of Liverpool, in their back row. Moss made his debut for the London side last Sunday and adds to the merit of a team of whom Stringer and Rendall Sunday and adds to the merit of a team of whom. Stringer and Rendall will have more than a passing interest in Monday's England team amouncement. But Waspa suffered a late disruption to their plans yesterday when Williams pulled out with a hamstring injury with a hamstring injury.

Moseley, the first English side to beat Wasps last week, field the same side at Brooklands, where they have dready tasted defeat this season That was back in October, when they were still much disrupted by injury; they are in confident mood now and the retention of Holman at centre means that two former Richmond players will be in opposition. Holman, a Moscley colt. played for Richmond while working Manchester University, played on the wing in the Richmond team which won the Middlesex sevens

pair. Simpson and Transport for England last Saturday; and Gion-cester's Gadd and Teague are close to the national side. Down the road at Bristol there is a piquant meeting of stand-off halves, the up and coming Barnes, of Bristol, opposite the tried and tested - but sni found wanting by the corrent Welsh selectors - Gareth Davies, of Cardiff.
The visit of Leicester to Newport

brings a contest within a con that between the respective and hookers of Wales and E Watkins and Wheeler, Leicester have yet to win a match this year and, down the years, have a depressing history of defeat at Rodney Parade: but they will be pleased to know that Dodge, their injured England centre, is resuming road running this weekend injured England centre, is resuming road running this weekend.

Auckland. the New Zealand provincial side, play the second match of their brief tour at West

maters of their brief tour at West Hartlepool tomorrow and field in their pack the Whetton brothers, both of whom played for West two seasons ago. West returns the compliment by playing two New Zealanders themselves, Sigley, a centre whose home club. Grammar, is also home for the Whettone call. centre whose nome cruo. Crammar is also home for the Whettons, and Waterson, a scrum half who has played for Auckland. West have four guests, including Eric Paxton, of Kelso, capped twice by Scotland

Worcester semi-final The second UAU semi-final between Loughborough University and Cardiff University, will be held at the Worcester club ground next Wednesday. The winners will meet Nottingham University in the final

are unlikely to slip up. At least two Scottish selectors will be at the

earne, and inspite of his advancing

impress as he is anxious to resum-

Scottish record of 52, one more than

Irvine with whom he shares the lead

The present champions, Gala

strength side expect a convincing if not exactly an easy win.

Selectors will be at this game too watching the progress of Tom Smith, the international lock who

Renwick will be out to make an impression

Despite the presence of Laidlay in their side, and the absence with a stomach upset of Deanes from Hawick, the would-be champions

After interruptions caused by inter-district championship games. the international trial, the inter-nationals against Wales and Eng-land (and the weather) the Scottish National League programme will be on the move again today. All 98 clubs expect to be able to play. After this afternoon's fixtures have been completed, most sides will have only three scheduled fixtures left his career for Scotland. One more cap would take him to an all time and therefore those with championship aspirations or relegation fears having lost to Hawick earlier in the season, trail by two points. They are also involved in a derby match at home to Melrose and with a full

John McEnroe, of the United States, and Ivan Lendl, of Czechos-The annual struggle, or so it would seem, for the Scottish championship between Hawick and lovakia, will play an exhibition match in Hong Kong on April 3. Gala will certainly continue. Hawick title holders in the first five seasons of the Schweppes sponsored competition, are away to Jed-Forest, whose record both in the first division and in recent matches with

Tokyo international today. The defending champion, Toshihiko Scko, and last year's runner-up. Takeshi Soh. of Japan, are not competing in the annual event. RUGBY UNION: The Ireland flank forward. John O'Driscoll is taking a veckend off rugby to catch up on his duties as a hospital doctor in Manchester. O'Driscoll, who will

win his twenty-fifth cap against England at Twickenham next

Saturday, therefore misses today's visit of London Irish to Liverpool.

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Queen's Park v Cowdenbeath. Stenhousemuir v Berwick

WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (all Eurospons Wange Shotley Gate, near ipswich) Pool A: Suffok v Cheanke (10.30) Leicstarshire v Suffok (12.30); Cheanke t Leicstarshire (2.30), Pool B: Somerset v Middlesex v Warwickshin (12.30); Somerset v Warwickshire (2.30).

Tomorrow

BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Meet's first division: Warrington Velongs v Bidmingham Builder (4.0): Brightan Bears v Manchester Glants (4.0): Meet's second division: Bradford Myshivasion: v Cambon (3.0): Catalynad v Wetford Royals (4.0): Porsmoush Castaways v Nowcaste (4.0): Women's first division Crystal Palace Concordes v Notlingham (3.30) Solent Suns v Northropton (3.15).

VOLLEYBALL

Broughton Park v Shelfield (2.45) Durham v Otley (2.15) Fydda v Orrell (2.30) Glantorgan Wanderers v Ebbw Vale .

CLUB MATCHES

Newtridge v Exaler

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RUGBY LEAGUE



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FOOTBALL: PREVIEW OF TODAY'S FIRST DIVISION GAMES Arsenal running scared

into unsteady champions

The Arsenal faithful must

strain; but Liverpool can recall

Nottingham Forest, the only

team capable of pulling level on

points at least with Liverpool,

come to London with four

successive away wins behind them and with their manager

and motivator. Brian Clough.

still insisting that they are

championship material. Seldom

can a team have been placed so

Yet the unpredicable Clough said confidently yesterday of the

treacherous plastic pitch: "We

have no qualms about playing

on it." Rangers's own cham-

pionship ambitions and current form of four home wins in the

last five will make this the day's

high yet felt so little pressure.

the influential Lawrenson.

On the face of it, Joe Fagan, the absence through injury of turns of the Rangers track the Liverpool manager, should Meade and Kay will not weaken competently in midweck, take a sleep more comfortably this their chances: Cork and Hill weekend. While his team take over. welcome an Arsenal side running scared of putting a foot wait a week for the debut of wrong his three closest enemies Paul Mariner, newly acquired must all tread dangerous terrifrom ipswich Town. Mariner, tory, none more so than to the surprise of many of his Nothingham Forest on that detractors, will justify his infamous artificial pitch at relatively small fee but large Loftus Road.

oftus Road. salary if only bt taking the heat But Fagan, who admitted off Nicholas, Nicholas's Scotbefore their recent indifferent tish captain, Souness, will spell that he was feeling the continue to rest his hamstring strain, knows that Liverpool's own step has rarely been as unsure as it has been these past five weeks without the cunning of Dalglish,

The midweek home draw with Walsall must have been of enormous encouragement to lesser mortals as Liverpool were seen to be capable of human error. Arsenal, who a few years ago were one of the few not to break out into a cold sweat when contemplating a trip to Anfield go there today fearing more their own failure than the

A continue of the continue of

success of the opposition. They should be uplifted by their unjust home defeat by Queen's Park Rangers last week and the knowledge that the best of their recent form has been away from the intimidating atmosphere of Highbury. Many Arsenal supporters will feel that

Bremner is

fined £500

and warned

Doncaster Rovers, has been fined 2500 by the Football Association for

making foul and abusive comments to match officials after the fourth

division game at Swindon on December 3, Dave Bentley, Brem-

ner's assistant, was fined £100 for the same offence and both have been

Bremner was last weekend named fourth division Manager of the

Month for January.

Ray Hunkin, the Peterborough

United forward, has been fined £275

division defeat at Northampton on December 27. Hankin was sent off for persistent misconduct during the

Joe Royle, the Oldham Athletic

manager, was warned as to his future conduct after displaying

ungentlemanly conduct towards the referee at the second division game against Sheffield Wednesday on

Don Howe, the Arsenal manager, who has been accused of foul and abusive comments after the match at

Stoke last Saturday, has declined

the chance of a personal bearing

warned as to their future conduct. warned as to their inture conduct.
It is the third time Bremner has been found guilty of this offence. He was fined £200 in 1979 and the same amount two years later. Ironically,

chester business consortium, focal point. West Ham United, who who claimed they could match handled the irregular twists and any bid from Robert Maxwell. Fixture wrangle must be forgotten for the moment

Aberdeen and Celtic vesterday tried to forget a wrangle which threatens to bring an embarrassing collision between the Scottish Football Association and the Scottish League. Both clubs are upset at the League's decision that they write the scottle for the control less of they must play the second leg of their League Cup semi-final at Parkhead on February 28, only 24 hours after the Scotland-Wales

international at Hampden.
As Aberdeen and Celtic will almost certainly provide around 11 players between them for the international squad, they say they will apply for the release of them all.
However, the Scotland manager,
Jock Stein, is adamant he will select
his strongest squad. "With the World Cup qualifying tournament coming up next season, the match with Wales is important to us he

Defending the timing of the League Cup semi-final, the League secretary, James Farry, said: "It was a reluctant decision, but the club's could not agree on dates following the many postponements so we had

The underlying and possibly everlasting problem is that there are for 100 many fixtures on the

Truce at Maidstone

The two sides in the boardroom which "watered down" his interest. dispute at Maidstone United FC Under the interim terms agreed which culminated in the removal of the chairman, Jim Thompson, agreed truce terms in the High will not hold himself out as Court in London yesterday. Mr Court in London yesterday. Mr Chairman or managing director of Thompson and his opposing Maidstone United Football Club directors, led by his successor, Cyril Nicholls, gave cross-undertakings until a further court hearing on

Mr Thompson has been chairman of Maidstone for 15 years and is chairman of the Alliance Premier League. His companies, Adverkit International and Harvest Publications, control the club. He claimed that, while he was in the United States on business earlier this month, his fellow directors purported to hold a board meeting and removed his as chairman. They also allotted now shares in the club

Scottish calendar. Surely it is nonsense to be searching for dates in February for the semi-linals of the League Cup.

short drive up the M6 to

Coventry knowing that they must steer past the opposition if

they are to stay in the race.

Bobby Gould, the Coventry manager, boldly drops three of

his unknown "stars" and recalls

experience in Daly, Allardyce

If Manchester United's play-

ers can forget about which master they will be serving next week, their manager, Ron

Atkinson, apparently cannot. With the acumen of a Robert

Maxwell he is threatening to

keep United in the forefront of

the news, if not the first

division, by making a £1m bid for Luton Town's Paul Walsh

after the televised match at

Kenilworth Road on Sunday, It

would appear that the Bedford-shire club with Milton Keynes

on their mind are not the only

A decision on who takes control of Manchester United is

likely to be taken before next.

Wednesday, Martin Edwards, United's chairman, received a

letter yesterday from the Man-

United decide

one on the move.

and Grimes.

Today, however, Aberdeen and Celtic must turn their attention back ot their main aim of the season — winning the premier division championship. Since Dundee United, the holders, have not been able to maintain last season's form, they now seem to be the only

"We are in a marvellous position but we... must concentrate solely on beating Motherwell at Fir Park," said the Aberdeen manager, Alex Ferguson And the Celtic manager, David Hay, whose team are six points behind the leaders, said. "We must battle on and try to win every match, taking advantage of any slip by Aberdeen." As Celtic have scored eight goals in two league matches against St Johnstone this season, he feels that their scoring form against the Perth team at Parkhead.

Rangers should beat Hearts of in the tie-breaker. He saved the first at 7-6 with a forehand volley Midlothian at Tynecastle and Dundee United also look likely winner. Smid's second chance came at 9-3 but he missed a backhand passing shot. A third opportunity came at 10-9 but again he missed winners in their match at Tannadice with struggling Hibernian. Improving Dundee may gain a draw at Paisley against St Mirren.

himself or his companies.

Mr Thompson also undertook to

deliver to the company's registered

office at the stadium any records or

documents in his possession relating

to the club's affairs, before and after

it was formed into a limited company in 1982. The company

undertook not to allot or issue any

Furthermore, she is encouraged

a lot out of me mentally and I was

finding it hard to get motivated for

The final set point came at 11-10 forehand just inside the sidelines to scramble into the quarter-finals.

Connors is

taken to

tie-breaker

Memphis (Reuter) – Jimmy Connors, the top seed, hit a forehand volley winner on his fourth match point in the de-breaker to beat Tomas Smid 6-7, 7-6 in the United States national indoor

in the ne-braker. Smid. seeded

ninth, survived double match point at 6-4, as Connors missed success-

ive backhand volleys. Connors had

another match point at 8-7 but

Connors escaped four set points

THERD ROUND J Connors (US) bt I Smid (CZ)
4-6, 7-6 (13-11; J Arize (US) bt R Knetmen (nd)
4-6, 7-5, 6-2; H Lecones (Fr) bt Tim Guillisson
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(US) 6-4, 8-4: W Pibat (Fig) bt P Plening (US) chairman or managing director of Maidstone United Football Club 6-7 (2-7), 6-4; E Tettacher (US) bt H Gunthard (Switz) 6-3, 6-4; B Testaman (US) bt K Curren (SA) 6-4-6, 8-2; F Buehning (US) bt A Gomez (EC) 6-4, 2-8, 6-4. Ltd without the prior consent of the board of directors or the majority of members of the company. He also greed not to transfer or deal in Maidstone United shares held by

SECOND-ROUND MEN'S DOUBLES D Grateam, L. Warder bt M. Dickson, S. Stewart, 8-3, 7-6 (10-8), G. Donnelly, L. Pizrek bt S. Meister, B. Teacher 6-3, 7-5. Yannick Noah-will compete in

the La Quinta Grand Prix tourna-ment next week despite fears he may Cun encounter with India in two Tracy Austin, third seed in the

Chicago women's tournament beated 6-1, 6-4 by Her fellow American, Barbara Potter.

Hutchins's advice helps Bates to reach final

In the final of last week's LTA the opportunity, however, and lost satellite event at Bramhall, Jeremy six games in a row. The second set went to Brunnberg on a tie-break, but, when he lost his

Bates lost to Peter Lundgren in three sets. However, the British players yesterday defeated the Swede 6-4, 6service to love at the beginning of the decider, the match was as good as over. He slammed a ball away to earn himself a warning and, thereafter, he often lacked concen-

Duel for the crown: Lai Vun Hong, of China (right) and Salomi Eyal, of Israel in a Leon Paul international match at the De Beaumont Centre London. (Photograph Ian Stewart).

TENNIS: LTA SATELLITE TOURNAMENT

yesierday deleated the Swede 6-4, 6-3. to take his place in today's satellite final at Telford.

When he broke Lundgren's service to lead 5-4, Bates knew he was going to win. After tying up the first set, he played better and better in the next, coming up with some timely aces and a handful of unanswerable backhands, both down the line and across.

On Thursday night, Paul Hutchins, Britain's national team manager, had taken on one side and suggested that, once on court, he should forget about how he was playing and concentrate on winning. For all that, Hutchins was not watching yesterday, Bates's attitude was again far removed from the somewhat dismal approach he had adopted earlier in the week. Indeed on Thursday night he had so far entered into the spirit of things that he was busy calculating how many computer points he would be ahead

of Lungren if he were to win.

The man he meets in the final is handed backhand, who is ranked fifteenth in his country - Lundgren is sixteenth. A former runner-up in

lu somewhat indifferent match. Hjertquist yesterday defeated Mike Brunnberg, an American who would appear never to have been smitten with Bates' problem of needing to make his presence felt on court. Brunnberg, powerfully built with a good-looking array of shots, led 3-0 in the first act and had a point to go to 4-1. He failed to make the most of

Finney on loan

tration. RESULTS: Semi-finate: J Betes (GB) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 6-4, 6-3; P Hertquist (Swe) bt M Brunnberg (US), 8-3, 6-7, 6-1.

Hong Kong date

Burnley this afternoon.

the European junior championships to Ivan Lendl, Hjertquist's main claim to fame is a US Open junior

Frank McLintock, Brentford's new manager, made his first signing on his second day in charge at Goffin Park vesterday. Tom Griffin Park yesterday. Ton Finney, Cambridge United's North ern Ireland winger, has joined the third divisin club on a month's loan with a view to a transfer. Finney will game against Southend United. McLintock has left out Stan Bowles,

Brentford had an operating loss for the year ended May 31, 1983 of £96,233 which, coupled with an adverse balance on transfer fees of £36,375 makes a total loss for the year of £132,608, compared with a loss of £247,695 for the previous

a former colleague at Queen's Park Ranges, from the team to play at

year. The forecast for the current year indicates a further improve-

litre March Chevrolet in the Sports prototype Grand Prix in Miami on February 26.

former world motor racing champion, Emerson Fittipaldi, said yesterday that he had still not decided whether to return to the Formula One circuit this year. He Spirit-Hart car he tested at the Jacarepagua track near here in January is undergoing further tests in Monza, Italy, and he did not know whether the engine could be improved enough to tempt him back. He said he would drive a five-

has recovered from Injuries. They Hawick does not suggest that they will provide more than their neighbours can cope with. will also be easting an eye over the form of Robertson at centre for IN BRIEF Rio de Janeiro, (Remer) - The MARATHON: Tanzania's Juma simmer world motor racing chambraid said Marathon: Tanzania's Juma kangaz. Mexico's Rodolf Gomez and Yutaka Taketomi, of Japan, are

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Cambridge plan final

By Sydney Friskin If Cambridge City can pierce the cast from defence of Ipswich today they will almost certainly win the premier division of the East League. In nine matches Ipswich may have scored only four goals but they have

for some time under the leadership of Stephen Graves and his able Lieutenant Peter White Victory today over Ipswich will give them a remaining matches to win on goal

with 15 points from 12 matches. They are the surprise team in the league, their fortunes having been guided by Tony Ekins, the last man to have captained Great Britain in the Olympic Games. Among the others knocking at the door are Harleston Magpies. Old Loughto-

of successes in the league was broken in 1982 by Cambridge City, Guildford, whose fortunes in the

division Guildford may have a much harder time against a Southgate team who are at full strength and looking forward to next week's cip matchs against Olton and West Warwickshire. Lyons, premier division leaders of the South Legue, sponsored by Truman, are unlikely to be troubled today by Eastcot.

Mrs Penny postpones Olympic ambitions

By David Powell

Far from discouraged by the

British women to have won national titles on the road, track and country but, unlike the British record holder, she returned disillisioned from Helsinki. Carrying an Achilles tendon injury into the race, she was forced to drop out when she tripped on a kerb and did not run for nine weeks afterwards as physiothera-pists worked to heal her tendonitis. "I was very disappointed. It took

disruption to her 20-year athletics career, she indulges in evidence which suggests she will not reach her peak until near the age of 40. The two women ahead of her in the 1983 British rankings, Priscilla Welch and Mrs Smith, are both many years he senior. At 45. Mrs Smith finished ninth in the world championship in

Title chance for Griffiths London has always lacked a fully-

equipped gymnastics centre so today's London Open Champion-ships are being staged at Harrow Leisure Centre, more for the convenience of the contestants from the north than for its facilities.

The event is arguably the most important in Britain for men after the national championships, attract-ing internationals and competitors from as far away as Scotland. This

promise.

nast of the Year.

Vietnamese winner

A 12-year-old Vietnamese boat girl. A Dinh Liu, of St Davids, Exeter, is the winner of the 75,000th badge in the Midland Bank sports acrobatics award scheme. She is acrobatics award scheme. She is coached by Janet Stoneman at the Central Church of England Middle Trevor Roberts, from Cheltenham. School in Exeter.

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Coventry v West Ham. I ivernosi v Arsensi Norwich v Aston Villa . **Notts County v Watford**

Southampton v Sunderland ... Tottenham Hotspur v Leiceste West Bromwich v Everton. Mrs Penny shares with Mrs Smith

West Bromwich v Everton...

FA VASE: Fifth round: Corinthan-Casuais v Saumford; Guizeley v Brandon United (2.15); Inthinghorough Demonds v Buckingham Town: Leyton-Wingste v RS Southampton (2.00); Old Georgians v Baldock Town (2.15); Stantsted v Bristol Marxor Farm; Saveley Works v Rainworth MW (2.15); Wichtham Buchnell CW (2.15).

ALLIANGE PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor City v Boston United: Barnet v Trowbridge; Bath v Gasshback Dagenham v Yeovit; Retaining v Runcom; Koderminster v Westdostone; Northwich Victona v Teiford United: Scarbonough v Nuneston; Weymouth v Frickley; Worcester v Akrincham.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP; First round, ascond leg: South Liverpool (1) v Oewesty (0) Second round: Barnet v Burton Ablon; Witton Ablon v Chorley; Workington v Magrine: Worksop v Stafford Rangers.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Morscambe v Rivit.

Rijk.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester
United v Liverpool (2.0).
POOTBALL COMBINATION: Arsens! v
Queen's Park Rangers: Ipswich v Swindon
(2.15): Swansee v Totestham Hotspur; Watdort
v Oxford United; West Harn v Brangham (2.0).
RISH LEAGUE: Ballymens v Poradown;
Bampor v Colssalva; Carrick, Rangers v Ards:
Distillery v Newry Town: Gienavon v Lurne;
Gentoren v Crusaders: Laffield v Cathonville.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Dulwich
Hamlet v Hardon; Hardow v Barting; Hayes v
Bogner Regis; Hetchin v Harrow; Stough Town
v Billercay; Sutton Unlead v Staines; Tooting &
Mitcham v Laytonstone & Blort; Walthamstow
Avenus v Carshalton Athletic Wolangham v
Billercay; Sutton Unlead v Staines; Tooting &
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Avetey v Walton and Harefram; Cheshurt v
Metropotase Police; Cappon v Lawes: Epstoma
and Evell v Windsor and Elon; Feltham v
Hornchurch; Hampton v Hertfort Kingstomian
v Chesham; Leatherhead v Titing; Hungerford
v St. Albans; Newbury v Moseley; Rasinger
v Stanter Tenders.
Second division:
Donlang v Barton Rowers: Eastbourne United v
Egham; Hernel Hertpustedd v Tring; Hungerford
v St. Albans; Newbury v Moseley; Rasinger
v Corescond the Staines of Staines
v Tiptree.
OKFORD SENEOR TROPHY: Sens-finals Basildon
v Tiptree.

v Totree.

V Totree.

OKFORD SEMOR CUP: Third round:
Blackfivers v Oxford Chy (2.0); Chipping Norson
v Morris Motors (2.0); Heedington Anteneurs v
Kudington (2.0).

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE (2.30): Premier
division: Chipwellers v Chemoteans;
Foresters v Carthuslers: Harroviers v
Brettwoods. First division: Repteniens v
Andmans: Walfindburger v Econiens.

Derby v Blackburn. Futham v Covatal Palace Huddersfield v Oldhøm. Manchester City v Portsmi Middlesbrough v Barnsley-Sheffield Wednesday v Charito

Brighton v Swansea

SCUTHERIN LEAGUE: Premier division: AP
Learnington v Gosport; Cheimsford v
Bedworth: Cheimsford v Headerster of the State
MORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Blyth Spertans v South Bank: Concett v Horden; Evenwood v Tow Law, Ferryhil v Bishop Auckland; Gretna v Battopham: Peterlee v Ashington; Shádon v Crook; Spennymoor v Mahille Day

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: (2-30): Pramier divisione: Crigowalians y Crotmolelans; Foresters v Carthualane: Herrovians v Carthualane: Herrovians v Arterians; Wellangburians v Etonians v Arterians; Wellangburians v Etonians v Arterians; Wellangburians v Etonians v Haringsy Scrough (2-19; Chertsey Town v Kingsbury Town; Fectwal Healt v Barstead Anietic Fleet Town v Harvich & Partuston: Hoddeedon Town v Childrent St Peter; Rechts v Martow; Thatcham Town v Edgware; Whytelaste v Ruelip Marnor; Wolverton Town v Horley Town.

VOLLEYBALL

WEEKEND'S FOOTBALL. RUGBY AND OTHER FIXTURES

Second division vidge v Chelsez Gillingham v Bournemouth

Punsiable, Woodord v Basingstoke.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE [11,08]:
First division: Charling Leham; Etham;
Galingham v Cambridge United (Brompton):
Lipswort v Asseral (Portmen Read): Orient v Southend (Bristone Read): Clusen's Park Rangers v Portsmouth (Loftus Read): Tosterham Hotspur v Norwich (Chesham); Wastlord v Milwall (Woodside Stadhum); West Hism v Chelssa (Chadwell Heath); Second division: Brentford v Brighton (Northolt); Luten v West Ham (Dunstable); Wimbeldon v Brighton (Northolt); Luten V West Ham (Dunstable); Wimbeldon v Brighton (Northolt); Luten v West Ham (Dunstable); Wimbeldon v Brighton (Northolt); Luten v West Ham (Dunstable); Wimbeldon v Brighton (Northolt); Lipswort Stavley v Formby; Ashton United v Pertitis; Borde v Netherfield; Derwen v Giospop; Lancaster City v Congleton Town; Leyland Motors v Stalybridge Celtic; Winstond United v Raddille Borough.

ARTHUR DILINK CUP: Second round: Westimisters v Aldenhamsen (2.15).

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: (2.30): Premier division: Chiowelians;

VOLLEYISALL
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men's first division:
Archie v Dundee Kinton: Fakurk v DV'81;
Belshill Cardinels v Yolvo Trucks; Teem TAK v
Palsiey: Writtsum v Murray International
Metals. Women's first divisions Larbert HSF v
Whitburn: Kyle v Inventiyde; Sports Conscious
DCPC v West Coast Women; Tefford Tigers v
Auchentoshen; Tefford v Cartuke,

Third division Bradford v Port Vale (2.30) Burnley v Brentford... Celtic v St Johnstone

Lincoln v Huti ... Mithwall v Oxford. Preston v Plymouth Rotherham v Solton . Wigan v Sheffield United bledon v Exeter.

Fourth division Bury v Doncaster (3.15). Colchester v Chesterfield Crawe v Blackpool ... Hartlepool v Halifax Hereford v Trammere Northampton v Rochdale Reading v Chester... Swindon v Stockport County Torquay v Bristol City (7.30).

HOCKEY
EUROPEAN NEDOR CHAMPIONSHIP (at Meedowhank S.C., Edinburgh): Italy v Scotland (3.30); Netherlands v France (10.25); England v West Germany (11.20); Scotland v Netherlands (2.15); Italy v England (3.15); West Germany v France (4.16).
LONDON LEAGUE (2.46): Premier division: Southquis v Guildord, League: Beckentern v Hampstead: Blackfeeth v Heading: Bronkley v Hampstead: Blackfeeth v Heading: Bronkley v Houstone (havensity: Hawis v Stouth: Maddenhead v Mid-Surrey: Purity v Houstone; St Abans v Old Kingstonians: Turse Hull v SI Apars V od kingstorans: 1958 Hd v Virmbledon.
EAST LEAGUE (2.AS): Premier divisione: Busharts v Bishop's Stortford; Chalmstord v Broubourne; Fords v Norfolk Wanderers; Harteston Megpies v St Neots; powder v Cambridge City. Long Sutton v Bediond: Norwich Gresstroppers v Pelcaris; Old Loughbritans v Westchill SOUTH LEAGUE (2.30): Premier division: Amerisham v Waitpor; Civichester v Bognor; Eastcose v Lyons; East Grinsteed v Camberley;

RUGBY UNION CLUB MATCH: West Hardepool (NZ) (2.30). RUGBY LEAGUE HUGBY LEAGUE
CHALLENGE CIP: First reard: Barrow v
Worldington Town (2.30); Bactgool Borbugh v
Hull KR; Bradford Northern v Festiverstone
Rovers (3.30); Branswy w Wigare Cardit City v
Hull (2.30); Doncester v Betsy; Hallax v
Wakehold Tranly; Hunster v Keighty (3.30);
Oldnam v Huyton; Rochdele v York; St Heiters
v Leight Saltord v Leeds; Warrington v
Hudder-Eled; Whitehawen v Fulham (3.30);
Wignes v Dewabury.

ICE HOCKEY

Scottish Cup third round Scottish premier division Sale v Mosely (2.45) ,...

Dundee United v Hibernian Heart of Midlothian v Rangers. Motherwell v Aberdeen St Mirrer v Dunder Scottish first division Alloz v Falkirk. Clydebank v Avr. Hamilton v Dumberton

Kilmarnock v Brechin. wbank v Morton . Partick Thistle v Clyde.. Ratth Rovers v Airdrieonia Scottish second division Dunfermline v Albion Rovers. East Stirlingshire v Forfar... Montrose y Queen of South

Stratraer v East Fife
Farsharn v Anchorians: Folkestone v Trojans:
Indian Gymichans v Canterbury: Metropolitan
Police v Oxford Hawks. Hampshine/Surrey:
Andover v Wicking: Hamble Old Boys v
Bournesvouth and West Hamble Miller
Som (National Westminster Bark v Barnes:
Old Edwardsans v Portsmouth and Southese;
Old Taumbollans v Havanit Orded v Wallington:
Southampton University v US Portsmouth.
Kent/Sussex: Brighton v Old Williamsordians:
Gore Court v Mardett Russets: Horne Bay v
Tumbridge Weller, Lewes v Old Beccellaminars;
Lloyds Bank v Gravesordt, Maidstone v South
Saudra: Thames Polytectric v Eastbourne:
Worthing v Sevenceis. Biddlesee, Berke,
Backs and Coxos Argebany v Talburss City
Oxford v Brachnet; Esesse v Suntury, Highes
Polytectric Rendon v Banisury, High
Wycombe v Reading University: Marlow v
Polytectric Richings Park v Stalines.

WORDEN'S Chilitaty Chambon v Stranzer v East Fife

Attrincham Aces v Crowtree Chiefs [5.30]: Peterborough Pustes v Blacippoli Seagulis (5.45): Southempton Visings v Richmond Pyers (5.0). OTHER GAME: Streathem Redsleins v Solihus Barrons (6.15).

VOLLEYBALL

VOLLEAGUE: Men'e cup
quarter-tipais: Volvo Trucks v Belistus
Cardinats: Belistus Cardinats II v Akrdris:
Dundee Kirkon v Felkerk II; Alurray
Internetional Metals v Fakirk or Whiburay
Women'e cup quarter-tipais: Aucharteshan v
Larbart HSFP II; Todford v Larbart HSFP; Kyle v
twerchyde; West Coast v Trinity.

Vels of Lune v Morley (2.30) ... Waterield v Hull & East Ricin West Hartispool v Harrogate (2.80) . Wilmskow v Eirmingham SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION Henot's FP v West of Scotland Jad-Forest v Hawick

CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Kent in Castleford (2.15).

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assault conceded only five.
The City lights have been ablaze

total of 23 points from 13 matches with two to play. Mathematically, they could still be overhauled by Bedford, who would have to score a large number of goals in their four difference.
Third in the table are St Neots

mans and Broxbourne.
Westcliff, last year's champions,
with 12 points from nine matches
could also finish somewhere near the top. For their away match today against Old Loughtonians they have chosen a strong side which includes French, Anderson, Bailey, Marks and Marriner, Westeliff's long run

London League dwindled somewhat when they lost 2-0 to Oxford University in midweek, have a chance to restore their position when they play two matches this weekend. They are without Faulkner o is away in Edinburgh with the England indoor side, but lan Carley the captain, hopes to beat Wimble don tomorrow so they can stay within the first 10 in the percentage In today's match in the premier

new shares, or register any share transfer arady lodged.

ATHLETICS

Glynis Penny, the English Helsinki last August and two women's national marathon cham-months later Mrs Welch, at 38, was pion, will not be among the contenders for a place in Britain's third in the New York Marathon. team to go to the Olympic Games in Los Angeles in August. Mrs Penny, who is 33. is pregnant but said vesterday she would return with the to know some Eastern bloc countries, including the Soviet Union, believe women marathon runners perform more efficiently after childbirth. ambition of running a British best the distinction of being the only

time and competing in the 1988 Olympics. She believes there is not a woman in the country capable of improving Joyce Smith's British record of 2hr 29min 43sec, precisely seven minutes down on the world best set by American Joan Benoito. "I would like to think I can come back and beat Joyce's record. Thirty-three is no age at all for a marathon

runner and I know I have not come anywhere my potential," Mrs Penny

winning two WAAA's 3,000 metres titles. "I thought that would be the end of my career but after I had Mark the running boom took off and I took off with it." she said. **GYMNASTICS**

year. 150 gymnasts will compete in three sections, with most interest in the senior category Her. Britain's reserve inter-nationals will have the stage to themselves as members of the national (cam are on exhibition

duty in Newcastle, raising funds for Olympic training. The senior title should go to Tony Griffiths, of Harlow, but he will be tested by Simon Dransfield, of York, and Trayer Rebest 6.

All three have shown considerable The junior trophy will be closely contested by three young inter-nationals - Neil Thomas (Burslem) and Gary Hart and Richard Ellis. both from Harlow. Of the trio. Thomas has had the most experience in national competitions and is a strong favourite to become Thames Television's junior Gym-

Queen's Park Rangers v Notts Forest...

Ri.yt.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester

DEVON CHALLENGE CUP (2.15): First round: Physicist v Dawlish, Torrington v Binore.

WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES: THREE SIXES FOR BRITISH COUPLE

Downhill is blown off course by snowstorm

Sarajevo, (Reuter) - High winds and bad visibility yesterday forced the postponment of the Olympic men's downhill for the second time forced the cancellation of practice for the women's downhill event which is scheduled for today and threatened to bring chaos to the

The organizers of the men's race said winds swept Mount Bjelasnica at 120 mpb and, with snow and mist blanketing the slope and causing noor visibility, any chance of competition was ruled out. The

The men's race jury will decide today whether it will be possible to stage a practice, which Games stage a practice, which Games regulations stipulate must precede competition following two blank days. The men's race has been rescheduled for tomorrow. The rescheduled for tomorrow. The women's downhill could still be held this afternoon if it is possible to practice in the morning. Heavy snowfalls also delayed the

Heavy snowfalls also delayed the scuson with two particular start of the men's and women's 500 ambitions - an Olympic gold metres speed skating events at medal, of course, and and a six

race committee, said the downhill might be put back to February 19, the last day of the games. Postponements are a familiar problem on the World Cup circuit, but they have occurred only twice previously in the Olympics – in Squaw Valley in 1960 and Grenoble in 1968, when the favourites were

Karl Schranz, Austria's former world champion, thinks the experienced men, such as the 1976 Olympic gold medal winner. Franz Klammer, and Swiss triple World Cup-winner, Peter Mueller, might now have the edge over lesser compentors such as Bill Johnson of the United States and Pirmin

Zimyatov's fourth gold is a record

Sarajevo (Agencies) - Nikolai first person in Olympic history to win four cross-country gold medals when he overcame a blizzard to take the 30km gold medal yesterday.
Zimyatov, a 28-year-old Army

officer who won three gold medals at the last winter games in Lake Placid, headed a Soviet (-2 triumph that offset a relatively disappointing performance by Soviet women in he 10km race.

He finished in the 28min 56.3sec, ahead of Alexander Zavyalov, his team-mate and World Cup holder who took the silver in 1:29:23.3 and Gunde Svan of Sweden, bronze medallist, in 1:29:35.7.

In swirling snow which delayed the start for 5½ hours, Rothen-burger. 24 clocked an Olympic record time of 41.02 seconds to overcome Enke, the pre-race favourite who won the 1,500 metres

Sarajevo (Reuter) - Wolgang Hoppe, of East Germany, leaded off the challenge of the new Soviet "hammerhead" bob yesterday to set a truck record and take the lead on a track record and take the lean of the first day of the Olympic two-man event. Hoppe and his brakeman, Dietmar Schauerhammer, charged down the 1,300 metre Trebivic track

Sergei Fokichev gave the Soviet Union their first speed skating gold medal of the Games by winning the Torsien Goerlitzer, of East

itions to snatch the lead from Ernst Haspinger, of Italy, in the second day's racing in the men's single luge event on the Trebevic run. With less than four-tenths of a second separating the first seven men after the first two runs - the equivalent of about 10 metres on the 1,210 metre track - the race is still open

ICE HOCKEY

Torvill and Dean scale new heights with waltz

From John Hennessy, Saraievo



move from one apparently unscaleable reak to another yet higher? They won the Olympic ice dance compulsories in the Zetra

Is there, one

Stadium yesterday by a paralysing margin from Natalya Bestemianova and Andrei Bukin, of the Soviet Union, with Judy Blumberg and Michael Seibert, of the United States, third. They squeezed three full

marks of 6.0 from the nine judges for their Westminster Waltz which forms yet another landmark in a glittering career. The British couple began the

in a compulsory dance. They Dusan Senear, head of the men's broke one barrier with a maximum mark for their rumba during the British championship at Nottingham in November. But this new achievement was much more satisfying in front of an international audience. The second barrier has to be tackled with the Bolero free dance on Tuesday.

"Obviously we're thrilled", Miss Torvill said afterwards. "It is unbelievable. We knew we'd skated well but we really didn't imagine getting three sixes. We skated the Westminster Waltz well in the European in Budapest last month but we felt this was that little bit better."

As far as records here can show, this is the first time a six has been awarded for the compulsories in international competitions. One six came from the British judge, Court ney Jones, and the others from the Hungarian and Japanese

Jones, then, is the lastest Zimvatov, of the Soviet became the citadel to fall - he is not known as the "hanging judge" for nothing. Never before has he awarded a six for any competition. At first sight it may seem strange that he has done so in the rarified atmosphere of the compulsories, but one understands the logic. It is possible to see perfection in a set dance, whereas a six in the OSP or free 5.9 for the second dance, the could be open to humiliation by a succeeding couple.

rumba, and the Russians case was dead as far as this part of

The British couple have a the championship was con-lead of 0.6 pts over the Russians cerned. In the third dance, and 1.2 over the Americans. a Christa Rothenburger of East since points are now awarded on placings after each of the and the stage was set for greater three elements. The correspondwomen's 500 metres speed skating ing margins in the OSP are 0.4 gold medal. 2.0.

It can thus be seen that the 5.9 against 5.8, but that was an 12th.

Today's events

Zikim bishhion
Toboggan: men's' singles, women's singles
(hird nums)
Sistre; women's downhill
Nordic combinest 70m jump
Bobaleigh: two-men (third and fourth nums)
les bockey: Italy v Poland, Austra v
Czecnoslovatia, Canada v Finland, United
States v Norwey, USSR v Yugoslavia, Sweden
v West Germany

BBC1-TV: 12.30-1pm (women's downhill); 4.15-4.40pm; 10.50-11,15pm

Tomorrow's events Sking men's downing commissions state of the Speed stating men's 5,000m Nordic combined 19km 70m ski jump 70m

BBC1-TV: 3.25-4.55pm (sau pamp, ice dence); 10.05-10.50pm (pairs)

Russians in Paris

Paris (AFP) - The Soviet Union re to take part in a four-team ice hockey tournament here, two days after the end of the winter Olympic Games. They will neet two of their main rivals at the Olympics, Canada and Czechoslovakia, in the tournament of the new Reserve spects built ment at the new Berry sports half from February 21 to 23. Cologue, the West German club, are the

Yesterday's results

Grace and control: Torvill and Dean cut a fine figure in the

compulsory dance.

compulsories represent 30 per

cent of the competition, the OSP 20 per cent, and the free 50

per cent. In the event of a tie, the free dance placings are

decisive. There is still some way

to go, therefore, before we applaud another ice skating gold

medal in successive Olympics

to set beside those of John

skated quite beautifully, with

superb grace, rhythm and control. The judges were cau-

tious to start with, as they tend

to be in every competition, and

Bestemianova and Bukin were

able to stay in touch, according

to one or two judges, in the paso

doble. Two marks of 5.9 were a

harbinger of what was to come.

Torvill and Dean were drawn to

skate near the end of the parade

generosity in the marking if the judges were so-minded. One

from Italy, preferred the

There were seven marks of

British champions

Curry and Robin Cousins.

LUGE
MEN'S SINGLES: Second REP. 1, T Guerfazer
(EG) 1min 32.382sec; 2. P Hildpartner (It) Tarvill/ C Deam (GS) 0.4: 2, N Bestemisnova/A
(EG) 1min 32.382sec; 2. P Hildpartner (It) Tarvill/ C Deam (GS) 0.4: 2, N Bestemisnova/A
(LISSR) 1:32.717: 5, V Dudin (USSR)
(LISSR) 1:32.717: 5, V Dudin (USSR)
(LISSR) 1:32.717: 8, M Prock
(LISSR) 1:32.717: 8, M Prock
(LISSR) 1:32.718; 8, M Prock
(LISSR) 1:22.718; 9, M Prock
(LISSR) 1:23.718; 9, M Prock
(LISSR) 1

SPEED SKATING

MEN'S 580: 1. S Folichev, (USSR) 38.19 sec;
2. Y Kitszawa, LUAP) 38.30: 3. G Boucher,
(CAN) 38.35: 4. D Annesn, (US) 38.55: 5. N

Thorsetz, (US) 38.56; 6, V Kozlov, (USSR)
38.57: 7. F Boersing, (NOR) 38.56; 5. J Live
May E. G. S. S. S. A. Dansin, (USSR) 38.56;
10. A Kurchwa (UAP) 38.70.

WOMBER'S 508cs: 1, C Rotherburger (EG)
41.02 sec; 2, K Enke (EG) 41.28: 3, N SheerGlabova (USSR) 41.50: 4. I Kuleshova (USSR)
47.70: 5. S Weither (EG) 42.16; 6. N Peruseva
(USSR) 42.19: 7, M Hotzner (WG) 42.40: 8, B
Biser (US) 42.53: 9, E Rys-Ferens (POL) 42.71;
10, K Class (US) 42.57.

ICE HOCKEY

NORDIC SKIING: NORDIC SKIING:

NENTS 30 KM CROSS-COUNTRY: 1, N
Zinystov (USSR) 1tr 28 min 56.3 sec; 2, A
Zabystov (USSR) 1:29:23.3; 3, G Swan (Swa)
129:35.7; 4, V Sakhnov (USSR) 1:30:30.4; 5, A
Karvonen (Fin) 1:30:59.7; 6, L Eritsen (Nor)
1:31:24.8; 7, H Kirvesnismi (Fin) 1:31:48.2; 8, J
Miero (Fin) 1:31:48.2; 9, M Desoit (n) 1:31:58.7;
10, U Betman (9:3) 1:31:59.3; British placings:
50, M Moore 1:40:22.2; 54, J Spotswood
1:42:23,3; 58, S Dagitsh 1:44:04.3.

David Miller's Olympic diary Princess Anne for IOC team?

ide 4, United States 1

The arrival here today, unappeased by the American entitled to ask for an ambu- that he could not wait to leave snowdrifts permitting of Prin- justification that selling spon- lance." cess Anne, the new president of sored kilometres of the transthe British Olympic Association, raises speculation on the possibility that she may in due course be invited to become a member of the IOC.

This strictly chartable, to dond information all hours of the day and night. Many are unpaid. A language student committee has somewhat spiked Greek indignation by doing a 12-hour day, said she member of the IOC. member of the IOC.

Britain has two members, the elderly Lord Luke, who is a member for life, being elected more than \$100,000 for the have done it for nothing".

member for life, being elected before 1966, and the recently right to light the flame in elected Mary Glen Haig, who has to retire in a few days at the age of 72. Princess Anne would be a valued candidate not merely because of her standing - the IOC ranks are studded with nobility - but because of her strong sporting connexions, including participation in 1976. her father's enthusiam for the Olympics and her evident intention to be an active BOA president

Much will depend on the international impression made reverence markedly absent by Charles Palmer, should he be reelected as BOA chairman in the autumn. The IOC ignored his recommendation by Sir Denis Follows when considering a replacement for the Marquis of Exeter. Another figure favoured as a possible future candidate is Sebastian Coc, a member of the Athletes' Commission. The IOC need forthright personalities who can speak their mind: might Prines anne be willing?

Olympia, as previous organiz-

ing committees have had to do. There can be no doubt that the flame does still hold some of the fast-vansishing mystique of event. We're not near to having the Games. One of the most the same spirit. We're working touching scenes in Sarajevo was at it. when the flame burned, the night before the opening ceremony, from a special torch in central Scenderija Square. All eveing parents with young children were coming to witness the glowing symbol with a style, they remove their bow ties among too many competitors.

Civil hosts

The civility of the Yugoslavs knows no bounds. When I press village, obliging my have been so poor that veteran colleague Frank Taylor, have cut their coverage a survivor of the Munich

Sorred kilometres of the transUS run is strictly charitable.

Oficials go to extreme lengths him that the next games were in to fined information all hours LA. "So what?"

had been promised payment "but I will have been happy to As Peter Ueberroth observed: "The Yugoslavs have something

we do not - the embracing of the Games by the people. It's their

One of the novel experiences is the Kula restaurant. Kula is appropriate - all the staff are inmates of an open prison. At 11.0 pm after serving lasty Serbian food with not a little and discreetly walk back to a

Uncivil visitors

hockey team, after defeats by tions anxious to book T and D protested to the police that Canada and Czechoslovakia, the moment the Games are security was preventing taxis has precipitated mass ennui in over, wanting a rung on the entering the central area of the America. Television ratings ladder to the first million. There is rumour surrounding

mark was 0.24 higher than the Russian - a formidable margin. Karen Barber and Nicky Slater occupy fifth place, as in last year's world championships end and, with Bryant unable to drop with Wendy Sessions and onto his best tength, led 10-3 and Will Wendy Sessions British rumba to the waltz, with Stephen Williams, of Solihull,

oddity. Otherwise there were

five marks of 5.9 for the waltz. Everything was right for the British couple. Elegantly clad in

black, Dean in a velvet with a

richness which reduced other

blacks to charcoal. And they did

not so much take the ice as

They had abandoned their

unconventional movements in

the paso doble and the waltz,

with the results that Irina

Absaliamova, the Russian

judge, had no cause to quarrel

with any possible non-observ

ance of the rules. If she marked

Torvill and Dean only 0.1 above Bestemianova and Bukin

on all three dances, this was

something of a concession for

she had placed the British

couple second in the waltz in

Now their supremacy was

complete, for all nine judges

had them first on all three

dances. The average British

Budapest

make an entrance.

BOBSLEIGH
TWO-MAN later bor tural; 1, Sast Germeny II
(W Hoppe)D Scheubrianmer) Imin 43.44sec;
2. East Germany I (B Lehmann/S Musloc)
1:43,55; 3, Soviet Union II (2 Eomenis/V
Aleksandrovi 1:43,66; 4, Switzerland I (H
Hillubrand/M Miller) 1:43,34; 5, Soviet Union I
(K Kpural/S Miller) 1:43,34; 5, Switzerland II
(R Pickler/R Freiermuth) 1:44,42; 7, West
Germany II 1:45,58; 10, Italy II 1:45,42; 11,
Britain II 1:45,53; 18, Britain II 46,51.

Medals' table

Curry's title

Don Curry won a gruelling 15-round bout with Marlon Starling to retain his World Boxing Association welterweight title on a unanimous points decision in Atlantic City

this place" someone reminded

in 1982, seems finally to have emerged from the depression brought on by combination of personal problems and the understandable blow to her ego of being superseded by her 14-year-old clubmate. Well, remarked the other journalist, they do say that there should be no danger from terrorists in LA because they will be too frightened to enter the hoodlums district of the Coliseum Stadium downtown.

Dance flaw

With the man's downhill twice postponed - it will now be on Sunday at the earliest because after two days' break the rules allow for another day's training today - attention has been on the skating. Marie-Therese Kreiselmeyer, resident coach at Oberstdorf, where Torvill and Dcan train, believes they cannot lose; though she considers that the splits which Dean has introduced into the free dance since the European championships occasionally lacks fluidity as he rises from the ice.

Offers are already arriving The elimination of the US ice here from commercial organiza-

Scott Hamilton, the diminutive American spectators have not men's figure favourite and three football air crash, to walk been among the most pleasant times world champion. He is several hundred metres with a one has encountered. There is said not to have signed the e has encountered. There is said not to the agreement appropriate the said and said and said and said appropriate the said and said appropriate the said and said appropriate the said and said

row over resolved

Melbourne (Reuter) - Kim Hughes, Australia's captain, has dismissed speculation that a contract row between players chosen for the forthcoming tour of West Indies and the Australian Cricket Board could have contrib-uted to defeat in the first final of the

World Series Cup.

The players sought the deletion of clause in their contracts seeking a ommitment that they would be available to play for Australia next year. Undoubtedly the ACB fear some would be tempted by offers from South Africa. Under a compromise, the players have agreed to be available until March 31, 1985 in return for a guaranteed minumum payment, even if they are injured or not selected

 Graham Yallop has been ruled out owing to injury, of Australia's tour. His place as a middle order batsman will be taken by Dean Yailop, aged 31, has not played for Australia since early last month when he injured the medial ligament in his right knee while fielding in a World Series Cup match against West Indies. He has been in prolific form this season and

finished top of Australia's betting averages for the five Tests against Pakistan in which he scored 554 runs in six innings, including a test career best of 268.

West Indies have delayed naming their team to play Australia in the second final of the World Series Cup today because of slight injuries to Lloyd, their captain, and Daniel, one of their fast bowlers.

Lloyd and Daniel were both

involved in fielding accidents during a practice at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Lloyd jarred the index finger of his left hand and received treatment from the team physiotherapist. Daniel hurt his left West Indies will secure the cup if they win, having achieved a nine-wicket victory in Sydney on

David Bryant, who has won the

world indoor championship, spon-sored by Embassy, three times, reached the semi-final round at

reached the semi-final round at Coatbridge yesterday. In a match lasting 26 ends and just over three hours, he beat David Corkill, of Belfast, 21-20. Today he plays the youngest competitor, Nigel Smith, aged 19, of the King George indoor club at Tolworth, Surrey, who beat the Commonwealth Games chaming Willia Weed of Sextland 21.

pion Willie Wood, of Scotland, 21-18.

Bryant-Corkill match, which until then had been of no great distinction. Corkill scored the

maximum four shots on the first

recoveries carried him into a 16-13

lead, but Corkill drew level and then

From that point on, all the

scoring was in jealously contested singles. Bryant chopped and changed the length of the jack but,

short or long, Corkill did not allow these tactics to throw him off his

game. He destroyed the head when Bryant held the three shots he

needed for victory, but soon afterwards the Irishman missed a

SWIMMING

Youngster's

absence may

worry England

By Athole Still

There are five changes among the 20 members of the two Yorkshire

Bank sponsored squads which compete in Barcelona and Bonn this

weekend. However, only the

withdrawal of Sarah Hardcastle

from the German meeting may deprive England of victory.

The 14-year-old distance free-

styler from Southend Synchronettes would have been one of the

favourites for the 400 metres event,

but her coach, Mike Higgs, prudently decided that training and

schoolwork are more important than picking up medals around

"Sarah missed five days training on each of her successful trips to Strasbourg and Amersfoort re-cently," he explained,

It has been a particularly good

week for Higgs, because his other protege, Jackie Willmott, a world championship silver medal winner

clubmate.

The finish was the making of the

Wednesday

Australian contracts

Rain and bad light prevented play after tea at Eden Park today after England, confining new Zealand to 140 runs for the loss of three wickets in 60 overs, had recovered their dignity if not their stripes, after the humiliation of Christchurch. With just a little more luck, and a final two-hour session, Willis and his four bowlers might have won England a commanding advantage

For the first time in this series neither team could make any complaints about the pitch or, until late afternoon, the weather. The bounce was slow and even and the surface unmarked when the covers were replaced despite the impact of such human engines as Willis, Botham and Cowans. A large crowd are expected today. New Zealand, 1-0 ahead, have to do

ever series against England and Howarth will want to spin out his first innings as long as possible
Howarth must be using a twoheaded coin, according to Willis,
who always calls "tails" and loses.
He lost the toss for the third time on
this tour. The English captain remains dogmatically logical: "It's always 50-50 whatever you call", as though there were no such thing as telekinesis or, indeed, gambling. But at least this time he won the approval of the English media with his team: Marks made a fifth

bowler, playing his first game in the series, Gatting became twelfth man Scoreboard

NEW ZEALAND: First broings

Total (3 wids) J V Coney, R J Hattee, # D S Smith, B L Coiros, S L Boock and E J Chatfield to bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-74, 3-111. BOWLING: Willia, 13-4-41-2; Botham, 18-7-27-Q; Cowana, 11-5-20-1; Foster, 9-4-20-0; Marks, 9-2-24-0.

Cowans. Umpires: FR Goodeli and S J Woodward.

golden opportunity to win when at 19-19, he had an open draw for second wood and fell four feet short. You rarely give a player like Bryant a second chance and survive.

On the deciding end, Bryant rolled a

full length jack, planted his first wood on the button and Corkill could do nothing about it. Corkill took up bowls when he broke an arm playing football. He was the British Isles champion three years are and will remember yesterday's

ago and will remember yesterday's defeat as long as many of his

Smith's father, also a Surrey

unforeseen victory over The youngster started

player, was in tears at the end of hi

playing at the age of nine and won the Andre club's outdoor champion-

he plays for England for the first

time.
It was touch and go throughout with Wood leading 14-11 after 15

ends but then losing six shots at the next three ends. Occasionally,

Smith's inexperience showed, but he had a useful habit of stealing the

winning shot under pressure, and he

adversity get him down. DNATTER-FINALS: D Bryant (Eng.) 21, D Corkhill fire! 20; N Smith (Eng.) 21, W Wood (Scon) 18.

SQUASH

Commanding

Army should

be cautious

By Rex Bellamy

without conceding a game, to win the Inter-Services Championship for the 10th consecutive year - a sequence without parallel - at Lee-

on-Solent yesterday. This was the

on-solent yesterday, this was the Solid tournament in a series currently sponsored by John Jaques, the sports equipment manufacturers.

The Royal Air Force won the under-25 tournament (in which the Nature beat the Army for the first

Navy beat the Army for the first time) and the Army took the over-40 championship. The RAF are so strong at the under-25 level that the

Army's celebrities, growing wiser but older, may view the future with

some apprehension.

They also seemed to enjoy each

other's company, as was evident yesterday in a delightfully entertain-

yesterday in a delightfully entertain-ing match - impressive, too, in the quality of the squash - between two internationals Robbie Robinson and Norman Ingledew, Robinson won 9-6, 9-2, 9-3 but Ingledew, still shaking off the rust after almost a year's lay-off from serious compe-tition elevate his full root.

RESULTS: In strings' order: (Army names first): R Robinson bt N Ingledew 9-6, 9-2, 9-3; C Wisson bt A Johnstone 9-0, 9-0, 9-1; R Sharkey bt R Bawtine 9-1, 9-5, 9-5; C Adam bt P Seaton 9-0, 8-4, 8-1.

ution, played his full part.

The Army beat the Royal Navy 5-0

BOWLS

Corkill lets Bryant off

hook in thrilling finish

12-6. Another of Bryant's famous ship when he was 12. Next month,

England recover their dignity if not quite their stripes

From Derek Hodgson, Auckland while New Zealand stood by the

heroes of Lancaster Park. The first two overs passed as gendy as a saraband, Wright and Edgar ambling between wickets while the senior man flicked three runs with little more effort than is needed to strike a match. Perhaps it was this very amibility of the proceedings that ired Willis to roar in on the third over and deliver a half to Edgar, only the second he had received, that whipped back on him sharply and intohis pads, plumb in front of the stumps.

Howath appeared so confident of this Auckland pitch that he scorned this Auckland pitch that he scorned the white helmet usually worn when facing a steamed-up Willis and a new ball, wearing instead his black national cap; and a treat it was to see, too. Who was the last England along to make the second of t player to wear a cap on the field? no more than draw to win their first

Botham, bowling from the Dominion Road end into a stiff crosswind, made the odd ball wobble and swing late although, when he did stray, Wright was quick to punish him, pulling and driving him twice for boundaries. Nevetheless Botham, in two spells before lunch, conceded only 15 runs in nine overs, a shrewdly conducted

containing exercise.

Howarth had driven Willis twice and pulled Marks, a full toss, to the boundary and the lunch score, 70 for one off 30 overs and the ball starting to wear, was warning of a long hard day ahead for England. Willis, thinking of the humidity, had almost revelled in the luxury of numbers, all five bowlers being used

in short spells.

It was Cowan's turn from the Sandringham Road end after lunch and as the goods trains trundled by in the distance, sounding their mournful horns, he persuaded Houseth into a drive at a ball Howarth into a drive at a ball pitched a little wide and over-full. Unfortunately for New Zealand's captain, England had Randall at third slip and he took a fast low catch with his usual conjurer's

Martin Crowe had not scored before he almost gave Cowans a

return catch and had reached a nervous 10 when he mistimed a cut at Willis, Fowler making a flying

attempt at a high catch at cover, touching the ball but not holding it.
Wright had meanwhile passed 50, in 151 w right had meanwaite passed 30, in 151 minutes, but at 11 Martin Cowe's tense innings ended when Botham, diving to his left, snatched another low slip catch off Willis. The young contustion of Walliamse. The young centurion of Wellington had taken 19 minutes to score his add many more.

add many more.

His brother, Jeff, survived a fierce appeal for a catch behind, off an inside edge, off Willis, before he had scored and in the same over, the forty ninth, played a ball down and escaped again when it spun back at his stumps and scraped the paint, the batsman being left three-legged and frozen with horror.

Four overs later Willis was as close to Wright's wicker, just missing a return catch. Wright was

close to Wright's wicker, just missing a return catch. Wright was then 63 and New Zealand 128 for three but by now the skies were darkening and, although the players returned after tea, the rain descended before another ball could

Somerset cash in

Somerset County Cricket Club have received £93,290 from ad-vance payment of members' subscriptions up to and including January 31 after a discount was offered to members and accepted by

Bill Alley. the Test match impure and former Somerset all-rounder, is to retire at the end of

Jules Rimet reprint

A Brazillian subsidiary of the Eastman Kodak company has announced it will pay for the relacement of the Jules Rimet Trophy, football's original World Cup, which was stolen in Rio de Janeiro late last year. In 1970, Brazil became the permanent borne of the trophy, when it became the first country to win it three times, in 1958, 1962 and 1970.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Leigh's appeal against £1,000 fine is rejected

Casting a shadow over Leigh as they prepare for tomorrow's first the turnstiles with the vist of Hull. round Challenge Cup game at Si Helens is vesterday's decision of a committee to turn down Leigh's appeal against the £1,000 fine mposed after the Oldham-v-Leigh brawl. The fine stands, so does th management committee ruling that the match must be played again after being declared null and void. In addition, the Leigh deposit of £100 is forfeited.

In a much happier frame of mind financially on the eve of the Cup, sponsored for the last year by State Express, are Kent Invicta. Today they have their biggest occasion of their short rugby league life, television coverage nationwide, and, hopefully, their biggest-ever gate. They entertain Castleford at Maidstone, and although the odds are against an Invicta win, they will surely lift their game. Gary Hetherington, who injured his left eye in a match against York last month, is back.

Cardiff City should also do well at who are just coming back to their awesome best. Again, the second division club face summary dis-missal, but Ninian Park should also see its best attendance of the season

Fulham travel to Whitehaven, and in addition to their natural desire for progress, there will be a firm resolve not to become the only team to be beaten by the hapless Cumbrian club so far this season.

There seem few prospects of surprises or giant-killing acts, though Blackpool Borough gave Leeds a tough game in the John shocks in store for Hull Kingston Rovers. Wally Lewis, the highly-priced Australian half-back, plays the last game of his short and expensive stay with Wakefield Trinity in the tie at Halifax, and will be all-out to steer Trinity to victory and prove that the big investment

YACHTING: The shroud used to

to defend the cup in 1987.

Hlpsey captains the team.

IN BRIEF

RACKETS: William Boone and Randall Crawley are top seeds in the Celestion amateur doubles cham-pionship which begins at Queen's Club today (William Stephens writes). This pair have held the title since 1980, with Boone, powerfully built and fit the dominant partner. Crawley is the perfect foil for the

aggressive Boone.
The second seeds are the brothers Mark and Paul Nicholls, last year's open doubles finalists. Mark won the H. K. Foster Public School Singles Cup in 1973 and 1974 and has continued to improve. Last month he beat John Prenn, the world champion, in the amateur singles semi-linal.

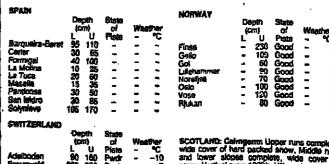
SQUASH RACKETS: Hiddy Jahan and Neil Harvey the Essex No 1, were fined £50 and warned for bringing the game into disrepute by the Squash Rackets Association yesterday. They were involved in a bad-tempered match in an invi-tation event at Bromley, Kent, last month which ended with Jahan tin to lose the contest.

BOXING: The number one contender Greg Page and number two Tim Witherspoon will meet for the vacant World Boxing Council heavyweight championship in Las Vegas on March 9.

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In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following report



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FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Indiana Pacers 107. Seattle Supersonics 102; Pridentix Suns 118. Atlanta Hawks 105. FENCING LONDON: Leon Paul Team Challenge: Folt 1, China, 3 wine; 2, Great Britain A, 2, 3, Great Britain B, 1; 4, Israel, Q.

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STTARD, Notherlands: Netherlands 4, Scotland 3 (Dutch names first), Mean's singlest; L. Coarte lost to A White, 18-18, 6-15; P. Pelupessy bt G Hamilton, 15-3, 15-5, Women's singlest; E Coarte bt P Hamilton, 11-4, 11-5. Mixed Delublest: J van Driel and Bas, von Bernau Skitoti für C Hailey and B Galliand, 15-12, 15-7. Man's deublest: F van Dongen and i Kristantel bt B Hamilton and B Suran, 8-15, 15-13, 17-14; Pelupessy and von Barnau Skitoti. Kristmen in a manner and von Bernau Signodi 13, 17-14; Polupassy and von Bernau Signodi lost to White and Gilliand, 3-15, 6-15, Women's doubles: M Ridder and E Coene lost to P Hamilton and M Johnson, 17-18, 18-17.

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FOOTBALL
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Vesco de Germa 1, Tuna Luso 1; Nacional 1,
São Paulo 1; Aleido 3, Cruzetro 2; Flamengo

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"ICHARRESBURG: South African Oper: Third round: Landing Scores (SA unless stated): 204: 7 Johnstone (Zim), 57.65,72; 288: N Price. 69,69,70; B Buttier (US), 70,67,71; 285: F Alen, 59,70,70; British score: 271: P Way, 71,68,72.

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conceal the shape of Australia It's controversial winged keel is at the centre of a row developing between Alan Bond's America's cup syndi-cate and a Sydney company. The Bond syndicate are angry that the shroud is being used to help raise \$4.6m for a Sydney based challenger NETBALL: Essex provide four of England's squad for the inter-national against Wales at Hudders-field on Saturday week, Gillian

ENGLAND SOUADS Keal (Micdleser), C Thomson and S Bont (Werwickshre), J Larby and W Bye (Hampstire), H Cadmen (Cheshire), K Lambden (Hertfordshre), R Mayes (Gloudestershre), G Higney (capt), S Collins, D Mehoney and D East (Essex). FOOTBALL: England are adopting a cautious approach to alternative South American football tour arrangements. The Football Association have received a telex from

Brazil, confirming the cancelation of their seventieth anniversary tourna-ment, scheduled for June, "The Brazilians say there is a possibility of friendlies being arranged against South American countries instead." an FA official said. "But it will depend on the dates and also whether we are given clearance by FIFA." Weather

into perspective.

By selecting Buckbe to

continue her winning run, I am

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nearer the foot of the handicap,

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heen ridden by Colin Brown but

he is sidelined, suffering from

concussion after a heavy fall at

day as a speciator. Discussing

ride on her for anybody. "I really do think that she will go

very close. She has the ideal

make up for the race." he said.

fler trainer. David Elsworth,

can count himself lucky that he

has been able to call upon a

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Leniently-treated Buckbe has the best credentials By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent With 26 runners standing on that form, but now that the

their ground, this year's Sch- ground is fairly good, I am more weppes Gold Trophy looks afraid than ever of Secret Ballot. every bit as open as it has who beat Admiral's Cup, Janus, always done since its inception Sula Bula and Very Promising at Liverpool in 1963. With in the New Year's Day Hurdle Pinch Hitter dropping out at Windsor. the Compton Steeplechase will vesterday the weights have As that result indicates, have only two runners so long yesterday, the weights have gone up automatically by 2lb, Secret Ballot is a good horse on as Ashley House and Cavity leaving Amarach at the top. his day. But he does have a Hunter both run in the Grand Only three horses, Persian War, history of heart trouble and I National trial at Catterick

time to recover from Windsor so he ought to be fresh. Cognac Gold Cup winner, Sula Bula and Very Promis-Brown Chamberlin, visitors to ing have both run better in the the Berkshire course will have a meantime, Sula Bula winning at treat in store. Sandown a week ago and Very Promising who lived up to his name with a good run behind surely the moment. With seven Janus at Kempton. Wearing course victories to his name, he blinkers for the first time. Sula Wincanton on Thursday. Bula had everything his own However, he was still well way at Sandown where he led

enough, although still feeling a all the way. I doubt him being but muzzy, to go racing yester- able to do that now. John Francome makes no Buckbe's chance he admitted to secret of the fact that he expects being disconsolate because he would not have swapped the mode on her for anybody. "I been beaten at Newbury and he was particularly impressive there in October. Now he will be meeting Secret Ballot on 41b better terms than when they

> Cool Decision and Great Light are others who have excelled already at Newbury, each winning the L'Oreal Hurdle once. With 11st 4lb, Cool Decision appears to have too much weight now. Not so

Great Light with only 10st 9lb. Fredcoteri, the sole hope fo Ireland, has won the last two the start. With only 10st 3lb to runnings of the Sweeps Hurdle carry she should give her at Leopardstown. A dour stayer backers the good run that her who will be well suited by the former jockey predicts, pro- inevitable breakneck gallop, yided she reproduces her recent Fredcoteri seems certain to inevitable breakneck gallop, form at Cheltenham where she make his presence felt. But the outpaced Gave Chance and ground does not look soft enough for either him or Avondale Princess, who showed Eastern line, who finished signs of returning to form at fifth that day, is held by Buckbe Sandown last Saturday.

Amarach's limitations were nuthlessly exposed by Gaye Brief at Hereford recently and I question his ability to win with his big weight.

In contrast to the Schweppes. Le Vermontois and Within The cannot help wondering whether which is their trainer Michael Law, have carried 11st or more be will be suited by a hard race Dickinson's preferred choice. and won this race which puts of this nature at the age of ten. However, as those two will be the task facing the top weights Against that, he has had plenty the Gold Cup favourite. Wayward Lad and the Hennessy

> If Brown Chamberlin is to ever beat Wayward Lad, this is has still never been beaten at Newbury, his happy hunting ground, Futhermore, he will be meeting Wayward Lad on 7lb better terms than when he was beaten five lenghts by him at Kempton on Boxing Day.

Brown Chamberlin is said to be so well that he is almost jumping out of his skin wheras Wayward Lad may well not be at his peak following that spell of bad weather in Yorkshire which certainly interrupted Dickinson's training schedule. However, the champion trainer should win the Game Spirit Steeplechase with that exciting front runner The Mighty Mac and he should also be on target at Ayr with Bregawn (2.50) and

Badsworth Boy (3.20). Ashley House will hopefully be seen at his best at Catterick, where John Bunyan is expected to take a deal of beating in the Northern Hunters Steeplechase.

 Tulsa Flyer (John Matthias) looks the pick of three British runners in the £3,300 Prix de Bastia over 12 furlongs at Cagnes-sur-Met tomorrow. He is joined in the 14 strong field by Jackdaw (Willie Ryan) and Concert Pitch (John Reid).



Francome is reported for fourth offence

By Michael Seely John Francome continued in the

news at Newbury yesterday. The reigning champion jockey drew level with John O'Neill at the head of this season's table by landing a 129-1 double on Areus and Clutterbuck. However, Francome was also reported to the Disciplinary Committee of the Jockey Club for failing to ride Easter Lee out for seasond alone behind Childonn in second place behind Childown in the Stroud Green Hurdle.

The Newbury stewards had little alternative but to take this action as this was the fourth time that the jockey has been found guilty of the same offence this season. He was fined £75 for taking matters easy on Observe against The Mighty Mac on this course in October, £100 for dripping his hands on Lucky Mistake at Newton Abbot. £150 for again relaxing his attention close home on Areus at Wincanton in November. Francome was, of course, also relieved of £75 by the Chepstow stewards for being too hard on Observe when beating Silver Buck in the Rehearsal Chase on October 31.

At the Derby awards press lunch before Christmas Francome dubbed

the stewards as "the cabbage patch hids." The jockey may now be regretting his jest. To be fair, Francome was only trying to give faster Lee an easy time of it in the last 20 yards after driving the fouryear-old hard from the second-last hurdle to try and master Childown. If there had been no previous offences to be considered, a caution would have seemed a fairer

Childown is now 16-1 favourite for the Triumph Hurdle after his gallant victory. The four-year-old has now won his last three races over hurdles. Once again quick jumping and courage were the hallmarks of Childown's win. "He won't run again before Chelten-ham", said Nicky Henderson, "We had plenty of use made of the borse today because of the faster ground, and he should be in his element flogging his way up that steep final climb in heavy going."
The shock result of the afternoon

came in the Harwell Chase when Tim Houlbrooke, and Sointulia Boy, proved too strong for Mark Perrett and King Ba Ba in a battle from the last fence. Not surpris-ingly, Sointulla Boy started at 50-1

as this was the nine-year-old's first success since winning at Ludlow in March 1981.

The stewards asked Mrs Huelwan until the other horses had gone to Houlbrooke to account for Sointulla

Boy's improved form, particularly as the winner was carrying 19lb overweight. "They accepted my explanation." said the trainer, which was that Sointulla Boy has had a long history of lung trouble. No one was more astonished by this triumph than the winning jockey. "My heart sunk on the way to the post as Sointulla Boy was scratching about and taking no interest at all. But in the race he was always enjoying himself and never came off the bridle until after jumping the

Gloucestershire dairy farmer, certainly deserves full marks for determination. He had to shed a stone in weight to ride at 11st 5ib. "I was up helping a cow to calve until 1 o'clock this morning and was out on the farm again at seven." The jockey hopes to celebrate his 28th birthday by viding Sointulla Boy in the Kim Muir Challenge Cup at Cheltenham Fred Winter was delighted by his double but furning at Francome's

the start. It's not good enough. They left the owners and me standing about like a bunch of bananas On the Schweppes Gold front last-minute gambles developed on

Amarach, Secret Ballot and Admiral's Cup. Bakers of Janus had a scare when Richard Rowe had a fall on Trey's Way in the first race, but the jockey reported that he should be fit again by this afternoon.

Winter certainly gave encourage-ment to the chances of Admiral's Cup. "I rode him myself this morning and the horse is very well. He's unbeaten in three appearances at Newbury and won't mind the ground. You always need luck in the Schweppes, but given a trouble free run Admiral's Cup is bound to Mr Houlbrooke, a 27-year-old finish in the first four." Having advised support for Very Promising and Janus when they stood at 12-1 and 20-1, respectively. I now suggest backing Admiral's Cup as well. This tough battler looks the ideal type for the most competitive handican of each-way bet in an open race.

Fairyhouse pointer to Cheltenham challenge

By Our Irish Racing Correspondent

lrish trianers should be in a better position to formulate plans for the Cheltenham National Hunt festival Chellennain reactional Louis resulting at north, after today's meeting at Fairyhouse. Three top novices, Ballinacurra Lad, Harveystown and Daring Run are among those declared for the T. W. Draper Memorial Chase, and two potential Gold Cup candidates, Royal Bond and Drumlargan, appear in the Amberwave Handicap Chase.

John Crowley. The Cork trainer is undecided whether Ballinacure tad should contest the Gold Cup of the Sun alliance Chase, at Cheltenha The fact that the gold Cup is cited being considered in this the house first season over fences, is significant and suggests that he should win handsomely this afternoon.

That view is suported by the handicapper. In the current s handicapper. In the current weights Ballinacurra Lad is only 41b below Drumlargan, who is handicapped to give 11lb To Harvey stown in text

weck's Leopardstown Chase. Harveystown, the winner of good handkap at Leopardstown in December, now meets Ballinguing Lad at level weights and will be ridden by the leading amateur, Mr Ted Walsh.

Walsh is replaced on that former good if erratic hurdler, Daring Ran, By Tommy Carmody.

In receipt of 6lb Daring Run looks the danger to Ballingurra Lad. The latter's best performance this season, apart from winning the Embassy Chase final, was to beat Royal Bond by a head at level weights over two and a half miles at unchestown in November. Royal Bond badly needed that

run and has subsequently failured behind Harveystown at Leopards town. Drumlargan recently was in the wars and was sent home for a rest after Christmas. Edward O'Grady, his trainer, whose gallops have been waterlogged, reports that Drumlargan needs the race. He will probably turn out again for the National Trial Chase at Punchestown in two weeks time

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Newbury BBG

[Televised: 1.30, 2.0, 2.40, 3.15] GOING: Chase, good; burdles, good to soft

Tota: Double 2.40. 3.45. Treble 2.0, 3.15, 4.15 1.30 MINORS' HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o: novices: £1,942: 2m 100yd) (12

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FORBIL Adzal (10-5) 3rd to The Reject (gave 17th) 5 ran. Ascot 2m nov hole Jan 13 good. Dedgy Future (11-2) 8th beatan 35i to Desent Orchid (gave 9tb) 6 ran. Sandown 2m hole Jan 7 good. The Penteveccini (11-0) 3rd beatan 2½ to Santalia King (gave 9th) 10 ran. Chettenham 2m hole Jan 2 good. Solas Light (10-5) 8th Seatan 3t to Townley Stone (gave 17th), 5 ran. Ascot 2m nov hole Jan

2.0 GAME SPIRIT CHASE (Limited Handicap: Grade II: £9,356; 2m 111118
THE MIGHTY MAC (Mrs J Lane) M W Dickinson 8-18-0
132-132
LITTLE BAY (Mrs S cathenwood) G Richarde 9-11-1
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RAGAFAN (CD) (C Wood) R Smyth 7-10-7
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CHINRIEL LAH (Mrs R Estivood) D Nactolson 12-10-7
000022 1-2 The Mighty Mac, 3 Little Bay, 6 Regatan, 14 Chinnullah, 33 Run To Me.

mass Jan 24 soft Register (11-10) was 251 from Tudor Road (new Alb) 8 nan. Chepatow 2m tr'cap mass Jan 24 soft Register (11-10) was 251 from Tudor Road (ned 13b) 3 ran. Kerrapion 2m tr'cap chase Jan 20 good to firm. Run to the (19-13) 2m bentan 4 to Dishcickin (ned 7b) 5 ran. Newton Aboot 2m 150 yd h'dap chase Feb 3 heavy. The Milighty Mac (11-10) 3rd beaten 10t to Weyward Lad (sevil) 5 ran. Kempton 3m chase Dac 25 good. Little Bay (11-2) 2nd beaten 4t to Badeworth Boy (gave 12b) 5 ran. Wetherby 2m h'dap chase Dac 25 soft.

SELECTION: The Milighty Mac

2.40 SCHWEPPES GOLD TROPHY HURDLE (handicap: 221,853: 2m

302 3-11212 AMARACH (Mrs E Duggen) R Fisher 6-11-7 303 04-2041 SULA BULA (B) (G Pratt) M H Easterby 6-11-5 Me	J Duggi T Eest
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304 0-21213 COOL DECISION (CD) (B) (C Platts) Miss S Hall 7-11-8	l Earna
305 111-302 VERY PROMISING (R Marin) Mrs M Rimel 6-11-3	Morsh
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307 110-001 FREDCOTER) (T Murphy) A Moore (IRE) 8-11-0	Wr T Ta
308 120-103 RA NOVA (CD) (D Travers-Clark) Mrs N Kennedy 5-11-0	_P Fam
309 110-112 ADMIRAL % (SDP #33) #F & Bob Whoten is Venter 6.70.13	1 Eroses
311 0p-1200 CARDINAL FLOWER (Miss V Yacer) A Scott 7-10-10	H Oe
113 1/028-4 PATH OF PEACE (Mass L Gold) C Thomson 8-18-19	
314 3-00430 GREAT LIGHT (CD) (B) (B) Aldrecht J.Jankins 8-10-9	with Fo
315 140213 STANS PRIDE (Mrs M Morgan) G Price 7-10-8	R Cr
316 320-431 JANUS (K Lattle) Mrs N Smith 6-10-6	R Rc
119 10-2000 THE FOODBROKER (Food Brokers) P Haynes 8-10-1	J Lovek
319	. N. Mars
320 11-9642 AVONDALE PRINCESS (Mrs B Taylor) M McCourt 8-10-1	G McC
343 P4-1221 MILL'S BUAND (IST) NG SHAN A SCOTTS-10-0	A Striit
3.24 12-0310 WHOLE SHEBANG (G Schielderup) A Turnel 5-10-0	E W
325 D143-10 PATRICK'S FAIR (W Stater) D.H. Jones 8-10-0	C Sew
326 111/00 EASTERN LINE (J Maunders P.L.C.) D Nicholson 6-10-0 P	Scuden
323 131011 JADE AND DIAMOND (R Lavalle) G Bairing 6-10-0R	Chapme
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5 Vary Promising, 5 Amarach, 10 Fradoteri, Admiral's Cup, 14 Buckba, Janus, 16	Suta B
west Light, Secret Beliet, 20 Ra Nova, Cardinal's Flower, Path Of Peace, Card D	ecision.
Eastern Line, Stand Easy, 33 others.	
EADEL Assessed HA 40 40 houses M to Court Poled town 7th with Assessed to the	
FORM: America (10-13) 2nd beaten 31 to Gaye Brief (gave 7th) with Avendale Princes	s (gave

3.15 COMPTON CHASE (£4,848: 3m) (4)

FORSE Ashley House (13-0) 9th beaten over 301 to Bursh Guide (rec 35th) 11 ran. Haydock 3m 48 h cap chase Dec 15 good to soft. Carkly Hunter (11-10) 8th beaten over 408 to Skegby (rec 21b) 10 ran Arr 3m 110 yil in Cap chase Jan 4 1983 good to soft. Wayward Lad (11-12) won 51 from 51 from Chemberth Rebvel) 5 ran. Kempton 3m chase Dec 25 good. 35LECTION Wayward Lad.

3.45 CHARLES HIGGINS HUNTERS CHASE (amateurs: £1,333:

4 15 MINORS' HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o: novices: £1,882: 2m 100yd) (12) 11-10 Everteal, 7-2 Gallant Buck, 6 Malan, 10 King Jo. 14 Society Boy, Our Write Hart, 20

Newbury selections

By Michael Phillips
1.30 Dodgy Future. 2.0 The Mighty Mac. 2.40 Buckbe. 3.15 Brown
Chamberlin. 3.45 Prayukta. 4.15 Everseal.



Going for gold: Buckbe fancied to add the Schweppes to her impressive tally this season

GOING: Chase, good to soft; hurdles, soft 1.45 CARWINSHOCH CHASE (novices: £1,199; 2m) (5 runners) 42-3012 SAMORSINITI-RNS (CD) (D'Thomsont) D'Thomson 9-11-9 u04233 OLIVE PRESS (A Michagoart) A Machagoart 7-10-11 ARPAL CONQUEST (R. P. Adam Ltd) G Richards 5-10-7 BLACKPET (A Michagoart) J S Wiscon 5-10-7 PACIFIC SPLENDOUR (R Jaffrays) C H Bell 5-10-7 10-11 Semonsumithing, 7-2 Arpai Conquest, 5 Olive Press, 5 Stackfest, 10 Pacific Sciendour.

FORM: Stackfeet (11-13) 4th beaten 341 to Black Falcon (rec 19tb) Ayr 2m nov India Jan 4 coft. Office Press (10-7) 3rd beaten 4t to Beloralo (rec 7b) 6 rain. Ayr 2m nov India chase Jan 3 soll Samontauming (11-5) 2nd beaten 15 to Lettoch (gares 40) 6 rain, Iswacastie 2m 3f nov chase Dec 3 good. With Arpal Conquest (11-6) 3rd beaten 10/J Visconé (gave 7b) 9 rain. Ayr 2m 4t nov chase Jan 4 soft. SELECTION: Anpal Conquest

[Televised: 1.45, 2.15, 2.50]

2.15 LADBROKE HURDLE (novices handicap: £1,909: 2m) (16)

FORM: Avon Oak (11-0) 2nd beaten 201 to Browne's Gazette (gave 10b) 13 nm. Kelso 2m nov hdie Jan 11 soft. Colonel Rose (11-3) won 21 from Pebble Island (gave 2b) 5 nm. Ayr 2m nov hdie Jan 3 soft. Compacter (11-3) won 31 from Alzel (nor 5b) with the Marestrall (gave 4b) 14 nm. Haydook 2m nov hdie Jan 6 good to soft. Ray over (11-0) won 41-ram Sam De Vince 4b) with Vibrialic (rec 11b) 10 nm. Marter Rasen 2m nov hdie Nov 25 good to 8mm. Topleigh (11-0) won 31 from Stx 0 Stx Auzdion (rec 7b) 12 nm. Kelso 2m nov hdie Jan 11 soft.

2.50 MERCEDES-BENZ CHASE (limited handicap; £5,701: 3m 110yd) (5) 2 2211-62 BREGAWN (8F) (J Kernelly) M W Dickinson 10-11-10
4 031140 MIDHIGHT LOVE (Carpertor Peirks Led Denys Smith 9-10-7
8 322211 TUDOR POLLY (CO) (J Lisle) W A Stephenson 8-10-7
112321 SEAMWAM (Cernello C H Self-10-7
10 2p2240 RED CLERIC (CO) (R längworth) M P Neughton 10-10-7 3 Bregawn, 11-2 Beamwam, 10 Tudor Folly, 12 Midnight Love, 16 Red Claric.

OFIN: Seamward (11-5) won hid from Beloraig (rec (20) \$ ran. Kelao 2m 196 yid h'cap chase Jan I good to soit. Bragawn (12-5) 2nd besten 4l to Canny Damy (rec 31b) 5 ran. Haydock 3m h'cap rasse Jan 7 good to soit. Tudor Felly (10-13) won 1/4 from Royal Minstral (rec 15ib) with Red

Claric (rec 2b) 5th beesen 151 5 ren. Ayr 3m 110 yd h'cep chee Jan 4 soft. Nddeight Love (11-9 10th besten over 301 to Bush Guide (rec 30to) 11 ren. Haydock 3m 4f h'cep chees Dec 15 good to SELECTION: Brockets

3.20 VULMIDAS CHASE (handicap: £1,600: 2m) (3) 1-6 Badsworth Boy, 7 Velled City, 12 Belcraig. 3.50 FISHERTON HURDLE (handicap: £1,671: 2m) (9)

15-8 The Divider, 5-2 L O Broadway, 7-2 Selborne Record, 6 Bluebirdino, 8 Mark Edit ANTONY JOE (8F) (D Daly) M W Dickinson 5-12-3 ...
AUTUMN PRINCE (Welton) Mrs A Hamilton 5-12-3 ...
BIG BROWN BEAR (6 Barkow) 7-12-3 ...
4220 CLYDE BANK (J S Wilson) J S Wilson 7-12-3 ...
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4.20 EGLINTON HURDLE (amateurs: maidens: £924: 2m 6f) (19) HUMMELMODY (A Michaggard A Machaggard 7-12-3

JOCKAMREL (D Thornson) D Thornson 8-12-3

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MARACAS BAY (B) (A Brooks) G Richards 5-12-3

RUN A MILE (P Play) W A Stephenson 5-12-3

RUN LEAH RUN (C Alexander) R Fisher 5-12-3

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Ayr selections By Michael Phillips

.45 Samorsumthing, 2.15 Topleigh, 2.50 Bregawa, 3.20 Badsworth Boy. 3.50 Bluebirdino. 4.20 Run Leah Run.

Catterick selections By Michael Phillips

1.30 Linen Thread. 2.0 Not Easy. 2.30 Ashley House. 3.0 John Bunyan. 3.30 Rag Dancer. 4.0 B and K Emperor. 4.30 Voolin.

Grant returns from injury with winner

TOTE: Win: £2.30. Pinces: £1.70, £3.40, £1.500. DF: £129.90. CSP: £63.73. Tricast: £55.45. J Berry at Coclorham. 71, 1½. Mr McCartn (7-2 à fav) 4th. 10 ran. NP: Chotel.

2.15 HAMPLTON-CAMPBELL CHASE (hand-cap; £1,685; 2m 46)

3.45 MARCHBURN CHASE (novices: £1.273;

the season with a serious leg injury, returned to racing at Ayr yesterday with a winner. Grant, who broke a thigh at Market Rasen, partnered Shaw Brow to victory for Denys Smith in the second division of the Lagg Novice's Hurdle.
Fine Sun, making his first

TOTE: Whr: £9.70. Places: £2.80, £4.60, £2.80. DF: £110.90. CSF: £192.59. F Winter at Lambourn. St. 2½!. Golden Friend (3-1 fav). Charjim £3-1) 4th. 4 ran. NR: Sympatique.

2.0 THATCHAM CHASE (handicad): £2,763. 2m

CAPTAIN DYNAMO b g, by Deep Run -Visease (H Plotnek) 8-11-12

TOTE: Wir. 53.40. Places: \$1.10. \$1.90. 2.50. DF: \$12.50. CSF: \$20.90. D Nicholson at 50w-on-tha-Wold. 4, 101. Golden Trix (5-2 av). Romany Count (11-2) 4th. 8 ran.

230 STROUD GREEN HURDLE (Grade 2 4-y-o-EA.833: 2m)

TOTE: Whr. 23.10. Places: £1.80. £2.30. DF: 4.40. CSF: £15.77. N Henderson at ambourn. 21, hd. Oregon Trait (9-2) 4th. 7 ran.

3.0 HARWELL CHASE Thundrest: £3.023: 3m)

SONITULLA BOY br q, by Sit in the Corner Restinithe Sun(Mrs Hiffoultrooks)9-11-5 Mrs T Houltrooks (50-1

TOTE: Win: £167.10. Places: £17.70. £2.30, £1.30. £1.20. DF: £1.687. CSF: £157.33. Tricast: £1.549.96. Mrs. H. Houtbrooks: at Ledbury. 1/51.71. Mustoo (11-2) 4th. 16 ran.

3.30 HAIG WHISKY HURDLE (novices: £1.787.

TOTE: Wir: \$7.00. Places: \$2.50, \$3.50, \$3.50, \$3.40, DF; \$21.60. CSF: \$137.059, F Winter at Lambdurn. 21, '94. Wytord (20-1) 4th. Prideaux Boy (2-1 tay). 27 ran.

TOTE Wire \$13.80. Planes \$2.70, \$2.50, \$1.50, \$2.80. DP: \$78.10. CSF: \$122.38. Tripest \$1,156.78. S. Mettor of Lambourn. No. 14. Ninestones (7-1) 4th. Kristenson (8-1 fev).

the Novice Hurdle at Ayr. appearance in National Hunt racing, William Hill cut Black Falcon's Newbury results Ayr Going: 90ft

to his rival. Black Falcon emerged as a candidate for the Triumph Hurdle

Tony Charlton, Black Falcon's jockey, completed a double on Grinders in the Marchburn Novices' when hacking up by six lengths from Silver Season in the first division of Chase but admitted he was fortunate keeping until falling two from bome.

Uttoxeter Going: Heavy

SOLIDOR on g by Songedor - Madzoro B-TOTE: Wir: £4.600. Places: £1.70, £1.00, £1.80. DP: £2.80. CSP: £5.71. O Bremsen at Newack. 10t. Nd. Ehergise (16-1) 4th. 11 ran. NR: Gurner Stue, Johannesburg.

HY-KO b g by Selec - Digynta 8-11-7.

TOTIE Wer. 24.90. Places: 21.60, 64.70, 55.60. DF, 21.57.20. CBF: 250.68. E Conter at Malton. 15, 154. Gortraince Boy (14-1) 4th. Brutton Park (6-45th), 9 rain. TOTE: Wir. 27.50. Places; 22.30, 51.20, 22.00. Dr. 27.90. CSP: 22.90. Tricast: 280.94, J. Thomas et Coubrige, 51. 2. Casal Royale (6-1) 4th. 9 ran. MR Foxier Mat. 4.15 LAGG HURDLE (div It novices: £798.2m

TOTE: Wit: 28.40. Places: 22.50, 29.30. £3.80. DF: £376.50. CSP: £119.85, TRICAST: £1,709.20. Nrs J Evernat Usinymynech. ½, 4, Shriey Grove (4-1 £149) 4th. Patielee (4-1 p.fav) 14 ran.Bought in 2,000yrs.

2.45 COLWICH CHASE, Handicap, \$1,611. 2m TOTE: Win: £3.30. Pieces: £1.79, £5.00, £3.90. DF: £46.80. CSP: £71.04. W A Stephensonat Bishop Aukland. 41, 41, Kumbi

TOTE: Wis: £8.90. Pisces: £1.90. £1.30. £1.50. OP: £18.20. CSF: £18.25. D Gandicto at Wantago. £1, 41. Royal Norman (20-1) 4th. 14 ran. NFC Vendovar, 1 and 5 Novel. SIR LESTER by by Bend A Bow - Treaty Girl 6-10-4 A Griffith (10-1) Glen May S McNett (5-4 fav) Been Mugged P Barton (5-1)

4.15 SAMDON HURDLE (DIV II: novices: 2727:

Catterick Bridge

GOING: Good 1.30 BROUGH HURDLE (Mares: novices: 2664: 2m) 401 RUN IN TUNE (D Eddy 5-11-8 2000 BRIGHT INP R Bethel 5-11-1 200- CARR ROSE INF 8-5-11-1 200- CARR ROSE INF 8-5-11-1 200- CARR ROSE INF 8-5-11-1 200- CARL Hit Jones 5-11-1 200- CARL Hit Jones 5-11-1 200- CARL HIT SENS R Bett 6-11-1 200- CARL FIRST R BETT R BETT 6-11-1 200- CARL FIRST R BETT R BET LUCYLET Mrs G Reveloy 5-11-1
MAGGIES GRIL Denys Smith 5-11-1
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SPARTANDO (Lady Arbuthnot 6-11-1
TRACK SECRET E Weymes 5-11-1
VINO FESTA J Parkes 5-11-1 A Dickman 2.0 BRIDGE HOTEL HURDLS (selling: £568: 2m) (19)

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8-300 ADDERBURY LAD J TOWNSON 5-11-8 — R Strongs 4
8000 DEBICON KUNG & Smith 5-11-8 — Heiss C Grinyer
10-32 MY HABAT (B) (CD) F Wesson 5-11-8 — Heissen 4
SHOWN CONTROL OF THE SMITH SHOWN STORE ST 9-4 Summerland, 3 Miss Sincleir, 4 My Hebst, 5 Not Easy, 8 Wool stand, 10 Regal Bitss, 15 others. 2.30 CATTERCK GRAND NATIONAL TRIAL-

SCHASE (handicap: £3,101: 3m 4f) (11) 1 9-226 ASHLEY HOUSE (0) (BF) M W Okckinson 10-11-7 A 1100 CAVITY HINTER M W Dickinson 7-10-11
A 1100 CAVITY HINTER M W Dickinson 11-10-10
Mr R J Beggan A
7 618-0 PARGLANDS (0) H Whenton 9-10-0
9 31-11 LITTLE FRENCHMAN E Robson 11-10-0 C Primore
10 1-38 GANTON N CRUST 10-10-0 D WINGSON
11 214-p NARVIK (8) N Crust 11-10-0 D WINGSON
13 48-23 HONOURABLE MAN Mrs P Russell 11-10-0 M Division
15 2212 PRETTY LASS R WOODNOWS 7-10-0 K Milling
19 2202 PRETTY LASS R WOODNOWS 7-10-0 3.0 NORTHERN HUNTER CHASE (amatuers: 2674; 124 - EARLS BRICK W Hamilton 9-12-7
111 - JOHN BUNYAM MS R Newton 9-12-7
123-4 SOLAR BEE W Rand 9-12-7
124-9 SOLAR BEE W Rand 9-12-7
125-9 WILLOW SHEWN R Breute 10-12-7
21(4 - ARTHUR'S BELL J WINGS 8-12-4
p/ VIKING KHEWIT MIS N LOTHOUSE 11-12-4
Miss

10 8-06u CARME F Baxter 5-12-0 11 po/44 CALDWELL CASE R Swiers 9-12-0 12 p344/ DEEP LIGHT W BOCCOCA 11-12-0

Miss A Begunont 7

3.30 SCORTON CHASE (Div I: novices: £1,140: 2m)

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1-001 AVERSUN W Haigh 8-11-8 PA Chefton
ALLI-RECO F Watson 6-11-2 Hiteratin A
2-40-pt
3-24-00 BELLE ISLE WALK Denys Smith 7-11-2 Hiteratin A
3-24-00 GOLDEN TY JPANAS 6-11-2 K William
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3-44-00 GRANGE MINSTRE, R Spicer 7-11-2 A Cooper
BESTING SPRITT D Lee 9-11-2 C McGlerich C
3-44-00 MCRITERIN NORGHT R Thompson 7-11-2 A Brown
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4.0 SCORTON CHASE (Div II: novices: £1,140: 2m)

10 0300- BOX OF TRICKS D Metcalia 9-11-2
13 00- GLEN DUE W Stoney 7-11-2
24 00-30 SECRET MINSTREL J Peres 7-11-2
25 PRING CARP R Tate 6-11-2
27 1814 STRAIGHT DOWN N Crump 7-11-2
28 00 SUNSHINE LIE M Lambert 10-11-2
29 023 TARTAN TRADER G RICHARY-7-11-2
30 pt TRAHGUAF W Holden 6-11-2
31 31-31 ORP BALTIC (D) E ASION 5-11-0
34 0-102 JOYPUL STAR J DIXON 7-10-11
35 432 THELMAS SECRET T BATTOS 7-10-11
36 DEGRA ARR SPACE J PATAGE 5-10-7
39 48 RATOK EMBORT. 11-4 TRATE 7-10-2 TID-7
39 48 RATOK EMBORT. 11-4 TRATE 7-10-2 7-10-7

4.30 ASKE HURLDE (handicap: £951: 2m) (22) 2 3391 JUPITER EXPRESS (CD) J FitzGards 6-11-12

3-001 VCOLIN (D) (CD) N Crump 5-11-4 M Dayer CRACKISLL (D) Miss Hall 5-11-0 POWN*4 POW 00-0s BEAROF (D) (B) P Curtis 5-10-0 DOU 24-22 GLDI (BF) (D) D Yeoman 7-10-0 DOU 0-022 HIGH POPPA P(D) O Braman 5-10-0 MB 14:03 SICKLIAN GOLD (D) G Harman 7-10-0 DW 220 HARJORAIE (CD) P Curtis 9-10-0 DW 220 MARJORAIE (CD) (BF) H Plaming 5-10-0 MP p0-00 VICTORY MORN J Obsen 8-10-0 Wardones 10-10-0 0-000 BARON DE HOLLAND (D) C Wardones 10-10-0 ming 5-10-0 1 Payper 4 28 90-00 INDIAN RETRIEAT Lady Arbuthnot 5-10-0 D McCasilli 4 Vools, 8-2 houtes D.

aw Report February 11 1984

Whether driving disability 'likely'

3ennington v Peter Regina v Swaffham Justices, Ex garte Peter Refore Mr Justice Woolf

Judgment delivered February 7] in determining whether an applicant for a heavy goods vehicle (hg) driver's licence suffered from a disease or disability "likely to cause the driving by him of a heavy goods vehicle to be a source of dinger to the public" so as to disqualify him from holding a hence within rule 4 of the Heavy Cond. Vahiele ID invest. Goods Vehicle (Drivers' Licences) Regulations (SI 1977 No 1309), the word "likely" should be interpreted as meaning something more than a hare possibility but less than

probable.

By virtue of section 118(4) of the Road Traffic Act 1972 an hgy driver's licence which would otherwise have expired, remained in force pending the disposal by justices of an appeal from a licensing authority's refusal to renew the licence. Section 118(4) did not provide for continuation of the licence pending the disposal of an appeal by case stated by the High Court. Nor did section [18(2)] empower the justices to make an

order having that effect.

Mr Justice Woolf, sitting in the Queen's Bench Division, so held, allowing Mr Malcolm Hugh Bennington's appeal by case stated against the decision of the Swaffham Justices on August 22, 1983, who dismissed his appeal from Mr Kenneth Peter, the licensing authority for the Eastern Traffic Area on October 28, 1982, who refused to renew Mr Bennington's

His Lordship further granted an application for judicial review by the licensing authority against the justices' order that Mr Bennington's licence should continue in force until the disposal of his appeal by

Mr Bennington's application for amendment of the case stated was

Mr Gareth Williams, QC and Mr Timothy Dutton for Mr Benning-ton, Mr Simon D. Brown for the licensing authority.

MR JUSTICE WOOLF said that Mr Bennington had held an hey driver's licence for 18 years. Such a licence had to be renewed every three years. For the last 16 years he been an insulin-dependent

The licensing authority and the justices on appeal took the view that Mr Bennington should not be granted a further licence on health grounds. Hearing that he intended to appeal against their decision, the justices ordered that his previous licence, which would otherwise have expired, should continue in force pending the outcome of his appeal

case stated. In so ordering, the justices must have been acting under section 118(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1972. But that subsection, despite its wide wording, clearly did not empower

institute to make such an order; see R 1 Inwich Justices, Ex parte Rivision ([1971] 2 QB 340).

A more difficult question was whether the justices needed to make an otder.

Section 118(4) of the 1972 Act provided that where current licence applied for but was retused a further licence and appealed to justices against the refusal, the existing licence con-tinued in ferce "until the appeal has

been disposed of
Counsel for Mr Bennington submitted that that meant until the matter had been finally disposed of. for example by way of an appeal by case stated. But, in his Lordship's judgment. if Parliament had intended the subsection to have that effect, it would have used very clear language to do so: compare section language to do so: compare section 88(3) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 and section 64 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954. "Disposed of in section 118(4)

meant disposed of by the justices.

The reason for the justices' dismissal of Mr Bennington's appeal was to be found in paragraph 3 of the case stated, namely, "it could not be said that he would not suffer from a hypoglycaemia attack whilst driving a beavy goods vehicle in future". But that did not correctly reflect the requirements of rule 4 of the 1977 Regulations, which provided that an applicant for a licence should not suffer from a disease or disability "likely" to cause his driving to be a source of danger to the public.

"Likely" in that context means

something more than a bare possibility but less than probable. In the circumstances the justices had erred in law by applying the wrong test and the matter would be remitted to them. The appeal before the justices which had been disposed of would therefore be revived and the applicant's licence would accordingly continue in force by virtue of section 118(4).

Soficitors: Ward, Gethin & Co. King's Lynn: Treasury Solicitor.

Allowing enough time for sex disputes

Creagh v Speedway Sign Service When allowing an appeal from an industrial tribunal's dismissal of a sex discrimination complaint on the eround that there had been an error of law the Employment Appeal Tribunal reminded industrial tribunals of the need to take sufficient discrimination cases.

VR JUSTICE WAITE, sitting with Mr J. Powell and Ms P. Smith, on February 7, said that sex discrimination was a sensitive and complex branch of the law arousing

Strong feelings.
The Sex Discrimination Act 1975 was a complex statute involving the interplay of broad principles of deemed discrimination with specified categories of permitted exception for which there were varying burdens of proof. Any tribunal confronted with a complaint of sex discrimination in an employment context could expect troubled

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Learning how to manage money

Economics should be taught in schools, according to Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Education. It should be taught to everyone, not as a subject in its own with the country of the staught to the staught right but across the curriculum so that children have some idea of what the minister likes to call "the economic

facts of hife".

Many would share Sir Keith's wish though perhaps not the political gloss which he puts on the teaching of economics. There are signs of a growing awareness of how illiterate we are as a nation when it comes to both econmics and politics. To illustrate the point Sir Keith describes how sixformers he meets do not know the answer to the question "Where do jobs come from?

In the independent schools, which have often pioneered curriculum reform, there is evidence of economics being introduced to boys in the fourth and fifth form and of new and more exciting teaching methods. Westministe School in London is one such institution.

Last autumn a new head of economics was appointed, Daniel Jeffereys, aged 28, who was given the enviable task of restarting the economics department in the way he wanted. He had begun a new course in political economy for 14 and 15-year-olds which carries no examination but attempts to teach young high-fliers how to think like economists.

Mr Jeffreys says that understanding economics is basically about understanding four key concepts: rationality, opportunity cost, marginality and efficiency. This thinking lies behind both his teaching of the 14 and 15-year-olds and those in the sixth form. The latter have a choice of two A levels: economic theory and applied economics or economic theory and economic history.

"Once students within the the department have a basic understanding of these key concepts their work is based on developing the depth of their understanding through problem solving," says Mr Jeffreys, "This emphasis upon problem solving means that static descriptive work is rare. Instead each student is encouraged to see his assignments as similar to the kind of work that might be undertaken by a professional econom-

I sat in on the fifth year class, called Upper Shell at Westminster, to observe the new subject and the Jeffreys teaching method. It was delight to watch. A group of 11 boys (girls do not appear until the sixth form at Westminster) had chosen the option in preference to art, divinity and music.

The subject was opportunity cost. "What is the cost to you of being here today?" Jeffreys began. Replies varied from surrender of leisure time to with a little prompting - the surrender of alternative subjects.

"You are making a choice", he said. "In order to increase your own satisfaction you need to make choices. Is it important that you make effective choices?" Yes, the boys

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Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent, finds economics made inter-

esting in a varitey of ways

agreed on that. "You have to think before you spend", piped up one boy. "You have got to think whether something is worth buying", said another. Jeffreys summed it up: "You try to maximise satisfaction at the

cheapest price."

The class progressed, by way of a sad story about a man who could not sell the gearboxes his factory had made, to case studies of four 18-yearolds who won £1,000 each and had to decide what to do with the money.

One girl gave up her secretarial job to take a stall in an open-air market and sell the prints, pots and jewelry she made. This had cost her £1,000 but earned her £1,625 in three

One boy, an athlete, kept his money under his bed for the day when he would buy an air fare to New York to run in the Big Apple marathon. A second boy invested his sum in a building society and made £50 in three months. The fourth – a girl – bought an antique vase for £375 on an informed hunch that it was worth informed hunch that it was worth more than that. It was. She sold it at Sotheby's for £700,

The class agreed that the athlete had made a thoroughly bad decision. Asked to choose who made the best economic decision, a few voted for the small-time entrepreneur with her open-air stall and the rest plumped equally for the safe bet in the building society and the enterprising girl with an eve for a vase.

From the personal and every day Jeffreys moved to macro-level econ-omics. An article reproduced from The Economist about the vanishing rain forests of Brazil was used to illustrate the opportunity cost of jungle exploitation. The boys pored over an impossible-looking graph. But they seemd to have kept up and to have found the lesson interesting, taking part in lively discussion.

I pointed out one boy in the front row afterwards who had struck me as being particularly quick and perceptive. "Oh, yes, that's Tiny Rowlands's son," came the reply.

Another independent school teach-

ing economics as a non-examination subject is Harrow where Sir Keith Joseph was educated. It runs a course called "Facts of ecomonic life" for sixth formers. Mr Brian Hurl. an economics teacher at the school explained its value. "We are turning the students into intelligent and informed readers of The Times", he said. "Instead of dodging articles by Frances Williams, the economics correspondent, they will actually read

But Mr Hurl sounded a note of caution about the difficulty of fitting economics for all into the curriculum. Something had to be forfeited for it.

Colle's School in Blackheath, south London, teaches a broad economics course to the 14 to 16-year-old age range with an examination at the end of the two-year course. Mr Vivian Anthony, head of Colfe's, explains that this course is less theoretical than A level and more concerned with current issues such as inflation, unemployment, the banking system, the balance of payments and the problems of British industry.

Only 20 out of about 100 boys at 14 opt for it and there is a pass rate of 76 per cent at O level. The high-fliers are not allowed to choose it. Like Mr Hurl, Mr Anthony said the important question to ask was what people had to give up in order to study

There had been the same problem with computer studies. Classics and history were being crowded out with the advent of computers and economics in schools. A level economics has in fact become a popular subject, ranking about fifth. At Charterhouse t is even more popular than that with 130 studying it in the sixth form.

Mr Robert Ingram, head of the economics and politis department at Charterhouse, said he was all in favour of Sir Keith's idea for economics for all in schools. What he would like is a broad O level in the social sciences to give children the tools they would need later as citizens to make decisions about their lives.

He said he was not in favour - and did not believe any self-respecting teacher was in favour - of converting children to any particular political party. "I am in favour of an analysis of how our system of government works, what the parties stand for with no attempt to make out that any party's point of view is any better than any other."

Sir Keith has also said he would like to see the teaching of economic literacy-linked to political understand-ing. But he goes further and spells out the values which he thinks should be

Opening the new Economic Research and Curriculum Unit at London University last month Sir Keith said: "I hope the unit will bear in mind the ultimate simplicities, that there is a link between decentralized ownership and decentralized decisionmaking which is, after all, what we mean by free enterprise and capitalism and we call freedom

Not everyone would agree with that. For help with economics teaching teachers would do a lot worse than study the materials produced under the auspices of the Economics Association by Manchester University called Understanding Economics. It focuses on economic concepts and issues related to the role of the young person as a consumer, producer and citizen. Pupils are encouraged to reveal and clarify their own personal values in the course in order to develop a clearer understanding of the distinc-tion between facts and values in economic issues.

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GEIGER. -On 27th January, at Univer-sity College Hospital, to Margaret and Markus -a son (Thomas Ambrose), a brother for San

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7.30 A Talent to Amuse. 7.45 Network UK. 830
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- Open University (until 8.25); 8.35 Godzilla: the story of the Energy Beast (r): 9.00 Seturday SuperStore: includes special features from the Kennedy Space Centre, and from Sarajevo, venue of the Winter Olympic Games. Back in the studio: Kool and the Gang, and Spandau Ballet 12.23 Weather.
- Grandstand. The line-up is: 25 12.30 Winter Olympics, Main events today - Ladies Downhill, Two-Man Bobsleigh and the Biathlon (more at 4.15); 1.00 Football Focus; 1.25 Newbury Racing: the 1.30 race; 1.40 Cricket: Third Test: second day's play; 1.55 Newbury Racing: the 2.00 race: 2.10 Bowle: Embassy World Indoor Champlonships. From Coatbridge; 2.35 Newbury Racing (Schweppes Gold Trophy Handicap Hurdle
- 2.58 Soxing: George Feeney v Paul Chance (Lightweight Championship of GB, fought last night); 3.05 Newbury Racing: the 3.15 Compton Steeplechase; 3.20 Rugby
- 3.30 Rugby League: Kent Invicta v Casteford - the State Express Challenge Cup; 3.50 Half-times; 3.55 Rugby League (resumed); 4.15 Winter Olympics: back to Sarajevo; 4,40 Final Scores.
- 5.05 News; 5.15 Sports round-up. 5.20 The Rod and Emu Show: Special guests tonight -Barron Knights, Sturz Bear 5.55 Jim'll Fix It: The Princess of Wales's dress designers, the Emanuels, make a dress specially for Anne Louise
- Webb, from Kingsley, Cheshire. 6.30 Film: The Gumball Raily (1976). Comedy, with thrills, about an illegal coast-to-coas car rally. Starring Michael Sarrazin and Norman Burton. Directed by Chuck Bail. 8.15 The Les Dawson Show: with
- special guest Stephanie 8.45 News: and sports round-up. 9.00 The Odd Job Man: Episode 1 of N. J. Crisp's three-part thriller, starring Jon Finch as a former member of the SAS who takes on an SAS-style mission of his own. Tonight: danger, in the shape of a face from the past. With Ralph
- Bates and Polly Hemingway. 9.50 Wogan: with Lynn Redgrave over from the United States for her BBC TV situation comedy debut in The Fainthearted Feminist: Welsh comedian/troubadour Max Boyce, and American choregrapher/director Bob
- 10.40 Match of the Day Special: Highlights from First and Second Division matches played today, And Ice Hockey coverage from the Winter Olympic Games.
- 12.00 Late Night Horror: Legend of the Werewolf (1974). David Rintoul plays a half-man, half-wolf, and Peter Cushing is the police pathologist who goes down into the Parks sewers with silver bullets in his pistol. With Ron Moody. Directed by

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- 6.25 Good Morning Britain: with Henry Kelly and Toni Arthur. Pick of the Week (5.30), news at 7.90 and 8.00: sport (7.10). Celebrity guest (7.25), Rustie Lee's cookery !eature (7,40), 8.40 Data Run: Includes news of hte British Phonographic Awards for Rock and Pop.
- Boy George. ITV/LONDON
- 9.25 LWT information: what's on locally; 9.30 Sesame Street learning about life, with The Muppets; 10.30 The Setunder Show: with Will Powers, Luna Michael Dolenz. Cartoons, and assorted features aimed fairty 12.15 World of Sport. The line-up is: 12.20 Athletics: Los Angeles Times Indoor Games; 12.35 Boxing (Sugar Ray Leonard feature): 12.45 News from ITN 12.50 On the Ball: Includes an
- appetite-whetter for tomorrow's Luton v Manchester United metch: Marchester Office Office Assistance Curry v Starling for the WBA Welterweight Championship; 1.40 Racing from Ayr: the 1.45 race; 1.55 Pool: the B & I Line World Masters, from The Forum. Kentish Town, Londor
- 2.10 Racing: the 2.15 from Avr: 2.25 Pool: Further coverage of the B & I Masters; 2.45 Racing from Ayr: the 2.50 race; 3.00 Pool (resumed); 3.40 Greynounds (Guys and Dolls final); 3.45 Half-time.
- 4.00 Wrestling: three bouts from Worcester heavyweight, mid-heavyweight, and calchweight; 4.45 Results. Including Classified Pools check.
- 5.00 News from ITN. 5.05 Fraggle Rock: First cousins of the Muppets in another tale. 5.35 The Fall Guy: Villains, after some hidden drugs, kidnap a friend of Colt's and plan to use
- her as a bergaining counter. 6.30 Child's Play: Nerys Hughes and Martin Jarvis, and Val Rigby and Roger Dennis, try to s some words defined by children.
- 7.00 3-2-1: Quiz game with a high comedy content. Tonight's edition has a nightclub atmosphere. Guests include Ray Alan and Lord Charles. Maggie Moone and the Cambridge Buskers.
- 8.00 T J Hooker: Crime thriller about a motorcycle gang who are now dealers in illegal arms With William Shatner. 9.00 News from ITNL
- 9.15 Fitm: Farewell, My Lovely (1975) Robart Mitchum as Raymond Chandler's private eye Philip Marlows, in pursuit of a former convict's girifriend With Charlotte Ramping, John Ireland and Sylvester Stallone (before he became famous). Directed by Dick Richards. 11.00 London news headlines.
- Followed by: Rock Concert: Chaka Khan-Live. From the Roxy, in Los Angeles. 12.00 Best of Saturday Night Live. The American TV comedy show. Tonight's guest stars are Madeline Kahn and Carly Simon. Followed by Night Thoughts from Canon Peter

Challen, senior chaplain of the

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Sonata movement in B flat, K 372 (Shumsky/Balsam), and Haydn's String Quartet in E flat, Op 71, No

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vell-meaning tenants.

Derek Jacobi and Josette Simon in the documentary A Touch of Culture (Channel 4, 8.30pm)

BBC 2

- 6.25 Open University. 3.10 Film: College (1927"): Buster Keaton silent comedy. The great comedian does all his own spectacular stunts as the undergraduate who pushes himself to the limit (and beyond) as he tries to impress his girlfriend with his physical prowess. With Florence Turner and Anne Cornwall. Director:
- 4.15 Play Away: Fun and musical 4.40 The Sky at Night: Professor Alec Boksenberg, Director of the Royal Greenwich Observatory, is interviewed by Patrick Moore (r).
- 5.00 Film: Robinson Cruspe (1952): Definitely different screen version of the Defoe classic with the intelligent eye of its director, Luis Bunel, clearly at work behind every shot. Starring Dan O'Herliny as Crusoe and James Fernandez as Man Friday (see 8.15 entry). 6.25 Glaciers: How ice sheets
- mended the shape of the Earth's surface. 6.50 Sight and Sound in Concert: with Bob Geldorf and the Roomtown Rats.
- News: and sports round-up. 7.45 Cricket: Second day's play in the Third Test. 8.15 The Life and Times of Don
- Luis Buriet An "Arena" special, A full-scale biography of the great Spanish film director. With clips from many of his films, and interviews with friends and colleagues like Fernando Rey, Jeanne Moreau, Catherine Deneuve.
- 9.50 C. P. Snow's Strangers and Brothers: Fifth episode of Julian Bond's TV version of Snow's sequence of novels. Tonight - the battle to choose a successor to the dying Master of Lewis Eliot's college at Cambridge (r). 10.45 The Weather in the Streets

Preview: trailer for tomorrow

- night's BBC2 film; 10.50 10.55 World Bowls: Second semifinal of the Embassy World
- Indoor Championsi 11.40 Film: The First Polks (1979) Bavarian television film, with English sub-titles, based on the Horst Bienek novel, and set in a German town close to the Polish border on the eve of the Second World War. With Mana Schell as the mother whose daughter is to be married on Thursday, August 31, 1939. Directed by Klaus Emmerich. Ends at 1.25am.

CHANNEL 4

- 1.05 Make it Pay: Turn your hand to making jewelry as a hobby, and earn some extra cash. Film: Hold that Ghost (1941"): Abbott and Costello inherit a creapy-looking mansion from a mobster. The fun is predictable, but there are good interfudes from the Andrew
- 4.10 Ants in the Pentry: Three Stooges comedy, with the trio as past exterminators. 4.35 Skateaway: Robin Cousins teaches the beginners how to spin on one foot and they combine all the steps they have learned during the past
- six weeks into a short free skating programme. 5.00 Brookside: two episodes are shown again (r). 6.00 No Problem!: Told that their parents intend paying them a surprise visit, the freewheeling youngsters make frantic efforts to put their
- house in order. 6.30 The Other Side of the Tracks: Pop music magazine. With Pat Benatar, a big success in the US but slow to catch on in Britain.
- 7.30 News headlines. Followed by: Union World: Profile of Peter Heathfield who becom-general secretary of the National Union of
- Mineworkers on March 1. 8.00 Twenty Twenty Visions: Debate on Northern Ireland. Robert Kee chairs a discussion involving MPs Mr Harold McCusker (Official Unionist), Michael Mates (Conservative), John Hume (SDLP) and Clare Short (Labour).
- 8.30 A Touch of Culture: What happened last year when the Royal Shakespeare Company erek Jacobi, Jenny Agutte and the rest) went up to Newcastle-upon-Tyne in search of a new audience beyond the barriers of class money and culture".
- 9.35 The Avengers: Steed and Tara in action again (r). 10.35 The Comic Strip Presents Slags,m Good v Evil in a
- slightly futuristic setting. 11.15 Film: Kiss of Death (1947*): Gangster thniler with Victor Mature on the revenge trail after crooks threaten his children. Remembered, chiefiy, for Richard Vidmark's auspicious debut as the sadistic killer. With Brian Donlevy and Coleen Gray. Director: Henry Hathaway. Ends at 1.05.

BBC 1 • TV-am 6.20 Open University (until 8.50); 9.00 Postman Pat: he goes sledging (r); 9.15 Sunday Worship: from St Joseph's

- 7.25 Good Morning Britain: with David Frost, who introduces Mother Frances Dominica, of young. With toy maker Rodney Peppe. 7.30 Rub-a-Dub-Tub; for the very institute, Lancashire; 10.00 Asian Magazine; a morning
- with the singer Varni Jairan. 10.30 Thinking in Action: 8.30 Good Morning Britain: naws 8.30; sport 8.35; Sunday papers review 8.40; Behind the News, at 8.35. 10.30 Thinking in Action:
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 implementation (r); 10.40
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 10.55 Greek-Language emi
 People: getting around(r);
 11.20 Inside YTS: First of five
 films; 11.45 Madhur Jaffrey's
 Indian Cookery Course:
 Tandoori chicken.
- 12.10 See Hear! for those with See near for mose with hearing difficulties; 12.25 Making the Most of the Micro 1.00 Ferming; 1.25 Talking Stock: Being 50-plus in the 1980s (r):1.50 News

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- Film: This Happy Feeling (1958); Romantic comedy, with Debbie Reynolds as the young innocent who restores the lost confidence of a Broadway actor (Curt Jurgens). Director Biake Edward:
- 3.25 Olympic Grandstand: From Sarajevo. The Ice Dance Championships (Torvill and Dean continue their bid for gold). Other events include the ki-jumping (see also 10.05pm
- entry). 4.55 Lifeboat: Final film in this series about the Humber Likeboat, Tonight: holidaymakers in danger.
- Goodbye Mr Chipe: Episode three. There has been a domestic clash over school meals. Roy Marsden plays Chips: 5.55 News: with Jan
- 6.05 Holiday: What Alaska and Berlin have to offer. And a farm holiday near Caemariron. in north Wales. Songs of Praise: from St Mary's, Dalton-in-Furness.
- 7.15 One by One: Anger over a newspaper report about the death of an elephant, With Rob Heyland as the zoo vet.
- Mastermind: from the RAF Museum, Hendon, The specialized subjects are: British and US military aircraft, George Orwell's novels; the reign of James 1; and the works of Beethoven. Tonight's contestants: a school teacher, a probation officer, an agricultural tractor driver, and an archaeologist.
- 8.35 Ever Decreasing Circles: Comedy series with Richard Briers. The new arrival (Peter Egan) is seen leaving his house, under police escort; 9.05 News. 9.20 Crufts: The announcement of
- the Best in Show. Dennis Mc Carthy and Les Crawley on the climax at Earls Court. Olympic Grandstand: the Pairs Figure Skating. Commentary: Alan Weeks and Robin Cousins.
- 10.50 Everyman: Earthquest. Glastonbury is the centre of pagan and "New Age" philosophies in Britain. The programme asks: are the people who practise these beliefs anything more than harmless eccentrics? 11.30 Phil Silvers: Another Sergeant
- Pilko's Godson" (r). 11.55 Weather for Monday 5.02 Cricket, 6.00 Sheile Tracyf incl. 6.03 Cricket, 7.50 Racing Bulletin, 8.05 David Jacobs.† 10.00 Sounds of the 60st with Radio 4

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- 9.25 LWT information: what's on in the area; 9.30 Collectors' Comer: Kitchenware museums (r); 10.00 Morning Worship: from St Mary's RC Church, Norton-le-Moors, Stoke-on-Trent, 11.00 Getting On: Family care for the elderly. With Gillian Reynolds (r): 11.30 A Bettor Read: The pleasure in books, with Gillian Reynolds. Plus authors John Brunner and Douglas Hill.
- 12.00 Weekend World: Now that Andropov is dead, the question that exercises Brian Walden's mind is: What next for Russia - and the world? 1.00 Police 5: Shaw Taylor asks for out help; 1.15 Cartoon Time. 1.15 The Smurfs: It is
- Valentine's Day. 2.00 London news. Followed by:-Encounter: Visions of a Media Man. Former journalist Tom Davies bites the Fleet Street
- hand that once fed him. 2.30 The Big Match - Live. Luton versus Manchester United. Commentary by Brian Moore and Ian St John.
- 4.30 Jack Holborn: Period adventure serial, based on Leon Garfield's book. Starring Patrick Bach as the lad fallen among pirates.
- 5.00 Euitseye: Darts and general knowledge.
- 5.30 Sunday Sunday: with Gloria Hunniford and show business guests; Michael Caine, Victoria Wood, Kenneth Willa Patrick Mower and Matt Blanco. 6.30 News from ITN; 6.40 Appeal: Isla St Clair ask: us to support Children's Community Holidays.
- 6.45 Highway: Harry Secombe, in Jarrow, meets Steve Cram and other well-known local
- 7.15 Family Fortunes: the Jupps from Leeds versus the Allans from Edinburgh.
- 7.45 Film: Teleton (1977). Thriller starring Charles Bronson and Lee Remick. All about a Soviet agent who is sant to stop a defector from getting hypnotized spies to commit sabotage throughout the US. Directed by Don Siegel; 9.45 News from ITN.
- 10.00 Love and Marriage: A Matter of Will. By George Pensotti. With Brenda Bruce and Hugh Lloyd. A story of winter's love in an old people's home. With Noel Dyson.
- 11.00 The Jammy Young Television Programme: Spotlight on the Press, with newspapermen and a police spokesman. 11.45 London news headlines.
- Followed by The Protectors: Robert Vaughn and Nyree Dawn Porter are caught up in a strange smuggling racket. Followed by the Night Thoughts of Canon Peter

for radio in six parts (5).

Rebecca West. Part 3.

portrait of the Franch novel Alain-Founter (1886-1914).

Prof Robert Gibson and the Prof Hobert Gibson and the novelist John Fowles. 11.00 An Unlikely Journey. With Father William Hewlett, SJ. (2) 11.15 Inside Parliament, 12.00 News.

Forecast, 12,23-12,28 Th Shop with Barry Norman.

Radio 3

7.25 Cricket. The Third Test; 7.55
Weether. 8.00 News.
8.05 Jecqueline du Pre: Cello works.
Beethoven's Plano Trito in D, Op

Beethoven's Plano 1 no in U, Up
70 No 1 (Ghost): and SaintSaens's Cello Concerto (New
Phillharmonia Orchyl. 9,00 News.
9,05 Your Concert Choice: Vanhal's
Organ Conc in F: Chopin's
Polonaises in A, Op 40 No 1 and
in F sharp Minor, Op 44 (Pollini);
Vaughan Williams's A London
Symphony.t

Symphony.t Music Weekt

Music Weekly: Includes a conversation with Eriward Cowie, and an item on the Belgian saxophone maker Adolphe Sax.t

Crawford Logan plays Alain-Fournier in this feature, written by Roger Kendall. Contributors include the writer's blographer

12.10 Weather, 12.15 Shipping Forecast 12.23-12.28 The Chip

10.00 News. 10.15 1 Do Not Belong Here (s) A

Travel; The Killing Season by Arthur Jefferson. A thriller serial

Music to Remember. Tchalkovsky, Prokofiev, City of Birmingham SO play Prokofiev's Violin Concerto (Caplan, soloist),

and Tchalkovsky's Romeo and Juliet.†

8.45 The Hidden Years. The second of six extracts from the forthcoming novel by Neil Boyd.

9.00 News; The Fountain Overflows by

Michael York and Lisa Eichhorn in a film of Rosamond Lehmann's The Weather in the Streets (BBC 2, 9.30pm)

BBC.2

- Caafax). 2.15 Rugby Special: A top fixture in the Schweppes Scottish Leagues (Division 1). Plus general rugby round-up.
- Computer. Startling predictions by scientists (r). 3.55 Quintet: The Lindsay String
- Douglas Cummings, cellist. 4.55 Bowis: The final of the
- 6.00 News Review: The week's highlights, with sub-titles. Presented by Jan Leeming.
- Australian entrepreneur, Kerry Packer. Plus a preview of the new car with the old Jensen marque. 7.15 Did You See. . . ? Television
- discussion forum, presided over by Ludovic Kennedy. Tonight's topics: The Garder of Inheritance; The Jewel in the Crown; and Arena - The The panet. M M Kaye, and Coun McCace. Also TV versions of novels with contributions from Matcolm Bradbury, Elaine Morgan and Ken Taylor.
 - Action from the third day's
- film in Ronald Harwood's 13-part history of the theatre. Tonight: the origins of comedy (Frankle Howerd in scenes from Plautus's The Haunted House, and the American musical A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum). Others taking part include Peter Jones and the Greek Art Theatre. 9.30 The Weather in the Streets:
- stars Michael York and Lisa Fighhorn as the adulterous lovers, with Joanna Lumley. Faith Brook and Holly de Jong. The setting: England in the 1920s and 1930s. Superbly photographed by John Hooper, Music by Carl Davis Directed Gavin Millar. 1.35 News: read by Jan Leeming.

CHANNEL 4

- 3.05 Horizon: Better Mind the
- Quartet play Schubert's String Quintet in C, D 956. With
- Embassy World Indoor Championship, from Coatbridge (highlights tonight at 11.40).
- 6.30 The Money Programme: includes an interview with the
- Life and Times of Luis Bunuel
- 8.05 Cricket: The Third Test.
- 8.35 All the World's a Stage: Third
- Julian Mitchell's adaptation of Rosamond Lehmann's novel
- 11.40 World Bowls: The best of the action in the final of the Embassy World Indoor Championships. Ends at

and Mary Thomas (Soprano) Cimmenan Noctume; Peter

Maxwell Davies's Reveration and Fall: Elliott Carter's Triple Duo; and Sandy Wilson's (arr Maxwell Davies Wilson's (arr Max

Davies) suite The Boy Friend.†

1.00 Shura Cherkessky: piano recital. Bach's (arr Busoni) Chesconne ir D minor Schumann's Studes symphoniques, Op 13.1
2.55 BBC Welsh SO: with Irina Tseitlin (violin). Grace Williams's Penillion; Elgar's Violin Concerto, Op 81, and William Mathias's Requierat 1

4.15 Brahms Lieder: performed by

Hamburger (piano). 5.10 Waltschmerz, or What You Will:

Russell Davies on the achievements of the Disney

Symphony Op 24 can be heard 6.45. Before that, Berlioz's

Rachmaninov's symphonic poer The Isle of the Dead. Royal Liverpool Phil Orch, Leeds Festival Chorus, David Wilson-

Suzanne Shuknan and Valerie Tryon in works by Schubert,

Enesco, and Srul Irving Glick (Sonata for flute and plano).1

interviewed by Dr Robin Ostel of the School of Oriental and Africa

Waiting for the Resurre Arab writers and critics

empire. 6.00 Edward Cowie: His Choral

1.80 Shura Cherkessky: piano recita

1.45 The Meking of Britain: Dr Lian de Paor, of University College, Dublin, on the advent of Christianity in sixth century

- 2.15 The trish Angle: Informed comment on a topical issue. 2.45 Film: Variety Jubilee (1943*): A celebration of British
- generations of show folk. With veteran music hall favourites like George Robey, Ella Retford and Charles Coburn. Director: Madean Rogers. 4.15 Jack's Game: A wild rabbit
- hunt in Yorkshire. 4.45 The Motor Show: For the motoring enthusiast and the humble. From A to B driver. "Kit" cars are examined, and so is rust on vehicles. The Peugeot 205 is family-tested. 5.15 News headlines. Followed by:
- Seven Days: Moral and religious isses in the news. 5.45 Face the Press: Peter Evans (The Times) and Robin Lustig (Observer) interview metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Kenneth Newman. With Anthony
- Howard. 6 15 Cricket The Benson and Hedges World Series Cup. The best-of-three final stage. To reach it . Australia, the West Indies and Pakistan have battled through 15 preliminary games on Sydney's cricket around.
- 7.15 The World at War. Part 17 (of 26) sees Britain and the US assembling the largest invasion fleet in history. The culmination was June 6 - D-Day, 1944. (r). 8.15 The Jewel in the Crown: A
- second chance to see episode 6 (of 14) of this TV version of Paul Scott's "Raj Quartet" (r). 9.15 The First Christian: The story of St Paul's first mission to the non-Jewish world, through

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- Cyprus and Asia Minor. 10.15 Land of Bitterness and Pride: Nine Gladitz documentary in which she examines the impact that the German film director Werner Hertzog had on a Peruvian village during the shooting of his movie Fitzcarraido. (see the film on Channel 4, on Wednesday
- 11.20 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Man from the South. Roald Dahl story of a gambler with some macabre habits. Starring in this grisly tale about a bet Lorre, Neile Adams and Tyler McVey' Ends at 11.50.

Symph No 9 (The Choral).111.15 News until 11.18 VriF: Open University, 6.55am to

Radio 2

4.60 George Ferguson Incl.1 4.02, 5.02 Cricket 6.00 Shella Tracy Incl.1 6.03 Cricket 7.30 Paul McDovellincl. 7.45 Bishop Bill Westwood. 9.00 David Jacobs with Melodies for You. 11.00 Desmono Carrington. 12.30 The Best of Bentinetinci. 12.59 Sports Desk. 1.03 David Hamilton with Two's Besti. 2.00 Benny Greent. 3.00 Alan Desti. 4.09 String Sound with Jean Challist. 4.30 Sing Something Simplet, 5.00 Charlie Chester with your Sunday Soapbox, incl. 5.58 Sports Desk. 6.03 Comedy Classics: The Navy Lark' (r). 6.30 Classics: The Navy Lark' (r). 6.30 Robert Docker with George Franch and his orchestrat. 7.00 Billie Jean King talks to Gerald Williams. 7.30 Grand Hotel. 8.30 Sunday Half-hour from St John's United Reformed Character. John's United Re Kenton, Harrow, 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes incl. 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Marching and Watizing. 11.00 Sounds of Jazz with Peter Clayton. 1.00sm Jean Challistpresents Night 3.00-4.00 David Hamilton with Two's

Radio 1

6.00am Mark Page. 8.00 Tony Blackburn's Sunday Show. 10.00 Adrian Justa. 12.00 Jimmy Savile's 'Old record' Club. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 The Great Fock 'N' Roll Trivia Ouiz. 5.00 Top 40.1 7.00 App. Nightpage. 1 2.00 Rephira 7.00 Anne Nightingale † 9.00 Ro Vincent † 11.0-12.00 From Men overs' Rock, A history of Jamaican music. 7: The Arrival of Reggae t

9.00 Choral and Orchestral Concert from Birmingham. Part one, The CBSO, with chorus and soloists. in the first performance of John Joubert's Gong-Tormented Sea.1 9.35 An Umbreita from Precadilty: Hugh Burden reads poems by Large Solice. World Service, Jacing page

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am Melotions. 9.35 Flying Kiwi. 10.00-10.30 University Challenge, 5.35-pm-5.30 Night Rider. 11.00 Snocker. 11.45 City of Angels. 12.40am Closedown.

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- Radio 4 6.25 Shipping Forecast, 6.30 News. 7.00 News. 7.10 Today's Papers. 7.15 On Your Farm.
- 8.06 News. 8.10 Today's Papers. Sport on 4. Yesterday in Parliament. 9.05 Breakaway. 9.50 News Stand 10.05 The Week in Westminster. 10.30 Daily servicet. 10.45 Pick of the Week.†
- 11.35 From our own correspondent. 12.00 News; Money Box. 12.27 The News Quiz. News of the last seven days exemined by some of the people who wrote it. 1.19 Any Questions? from New Milton,
- Hampshire, With Ken Livingstone, Lady Gardner, Graham Dowson, and Rowanne Pasco, 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.**90** News. 2.00 News.

 2.05 Thirty-minute Theatre. The
 Champion by Gwyn Clark.
 Drama, about a women's page
 interviewer who goes to the hor
 of a former prizefighter to
- interview his wife. 2.35 Medicine Now. 3.05 Wildlife. 3.30 Home-ing In. 4.30 Does he take sugar?
- 5.00 The Chip Shop with Barry Norman. 5.25 Week ending. Satirical review of the week's news. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather, Travel;
- 5.06 News; Sports Round-Up. 5.25 Desert Island Discst 7.05 Stop the week with Robert Robinson
- 7.45 Baker's Dozen.

 30 Saturday-night Theatre. 'Sea Changes' by Olwen Wymark. With Anne Bell and Maureen O'Brien. The story of a middle BBC 1 Wales: 5.15-5.20pm Sports
 News Wales: 1.30am
 Weather: Scotland: 12.15-5.05pm As
 Grandstand (BBC1) except: 3.30-3.50;
 3.55-4.15 World Bowls: (Embassy World
 Indoor Bowls: Championship), 5.15-5.20
 Scoreboard: 10.40-12.00 Sportscene:
 Clympic Special: Ice Hockey: (Canada v
 Finland: Sweden v West Germany) plus
 Bowls: (Ebassy World Indoor Bowls: (Ebassy World Indoor Championship), 1,35em Close, Northe Championship). 1.35am Close. Northern treland: 4.55-5.05pm Northern Ireland results; 5.15-5.20 News, 1.30am News headlines. England: 5.15-5.20pm ondon – Sport. South West (Plymouth) – Spotisght Sport. All other English regions – Sport/Regional News. 1.35am Cons.
 - S4C Starts 2.05pm Week in Politics. 2.45 Baskerbell. 3.40 Film: Swarm in May. 5.05 Yr Awr Fawr. 6.05 Incredible Hulk. 7.00 Ser. 7.30 Incredible Hulk. 7.00 Ser. 7.30 Nweyddion. 7.45 Siwme Dda! 8.25 Treasura Hunt. 9.25 Y Maes Chwarae. 10.15 Archwg. 10.45 Dream Stuffing. 11.15 Film: And Then There Were None (Watter riuston) Agatha Christie mystery. 1.00am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except
Starts 9.30am Noody.
9.45 Smurts. 10.10-10.30 Falcon Island.
5.35pm-6.30 Knight Rider. 11.60
Reflections. 11.05 Devlin Connection.

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 10.00 News.

 10.15 You the Jury. Tonight's motion: In Britain, the rule of law must be absolute. With Lord Denning and Jack Dromey (TGWU). Early Sritten: The Canadian Camival and Four French Songs 11.00 Lighten our Darkness. 11.15 Animal Language. A 13-part series on sound communical Jill Gomez with City of Birmingham SO. And Sintonietta, Op 1 (English Chamber Orch).†
 5.00 Jazz Record Requests: with in animals, nerrated by David Attenborough (7) Song Learning. 11.45 A Sideways Look At. . by Anthony Smith. 12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15
 - James Datton in the Chapter of Coimbra University. Portugal.¹
 7.15 The Bucket Rider: Kenneth Cranham reads the Kafke story. 7.25 Luity and Bach's Suite No 2 in Armide, and Bach's Suite No 2 in
 - Claudio Desderi sings the title note.† 9.00 Buddy Rich and his Orchestra: A
- Hungarian Style (Katsamris and the Philadelphia Orch). 19.00 9.45 The Talking Doll. Kennath Cranham reads Jack Trevor Ne://5. Record Review: Michael Kennedy compares recordings of Elgar's Cello Concerto 1 10.15 Stereo Release: Hummel's Violin 11.15 News until 11.18. Sonata in D. Op 50 (Holmes/Burnett), Krommer's Octet-Partita in E flat, Op 79, Mozart (completed Abbe Stadi VHF only - Open University: 7.15-7.55em.
 - Radio 2 News on the hour until 1.00pm and then from 6.00 (except 8.00pm and 9.50). Major bulletins: 7.00am, 8.00 and 12.00 midnight (MF/MW). 4.00am George Fergusonfind, 4.02,

- the Années de pelerinage: deuxième amée. George Philipp Telemann: the works include the Festiliche Suite in A major for strings and f.sunitno
- Peter Clayton 1
 5.45 Critics Forum
 6.35 The Iberian Organ: Recital by
 James Dalton in the Chapel of

- Rachmaninov; Symphonic Dances (Brown/Johns at the two
- Gianni Schiecht: Puccini's one-sci opera (a third of the Trittico). sung in Italian, with the Symph Orch of Italian Radio Rome.
- performance at Lewisham Concert Hall, Cattord, last April.1 Story's story. Buddy Rich concert. Part two.t

SCOTTISH As London except 9.25am Cartoon, 35 Stingray, 10.00 Flying Kiwi, 10.25-10.30 Mouse on Mars, 5.35pm-6.30 Knight Rider, 11.00 Late Call, 11.05 Saturday

Night Music Show. 12.05am Clo

Lloyd. 7.09 Jezz Score. 7.30 An English Evening. A gais concert direct from the Bietchley Lessure Centre. 18.10-9.30 Interval. 9.38 Big Band Specialt with the BBC Big Band, Incl. 10.02 Sports Desic. 10.05 Saturday Rendezvoust with Lan Jackson. 11.00 Ken Brucet with his selection of music, Incl. 11.02 Cricket. 12.05 Cricket. 1.00em Jean Challis presents Nightridet incl. 1.02, 2.02 Cricket. 2.00-4.00 Wally Whytont with Country Greats in Concert, Incl. 3.02 Cricket. Radio 1 News on the half-hour until 12.30pm, then 2.30, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 12.00 midnight (MF/MW).
6.00am Mark Page. 8.00 Tony Blackburn's Saturday Show. 10.00 Dave Lee Travis. 1.00 Hitsville USA. The story of Mctown (Part 4).1 2.00 Paul Gambaccin.1 4.00 Saturday Liva with Andy Batten-Foster and Murlei Gray.
6.20 in Concert featuring Jo Boxers.1 6.50 Sight and Sound in Concert featuring The Boomtown Rats from the Gold Diggers, Chippenham. (A simultaneous broadcast with BBC 2).1 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 Gary

Llayd. 7.00 Jazz Score. 7.30 An English

- Davies. VHF Redios 1 and 2: 4.00ar With Redio 2. 1.00pm With Redio 1. 7.30-4.00am With Redio 2.
- 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 Gary Davies. VHF Radios 1 and 2: 4.00am
- World Service, facing page

BORDER As London except 9.25em Vicky the Virking. 9.50 Once Upon a Time ... Man. 10.15-10.30 Smurfs. 5.35pm-6.30 Knight Rider. 11.00 Fugitive. 12.00 Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: Starts 9.35am Vicky the Villeng. 10.05-10.30 Stingray, 5.35pm-6.30 Knight Rider, 11.00 Roots of Rock in Roll. 12.00 At The End of The Day.

- 6.25 Shipping, 6.30 News; Morning has broken, 6.55 Weather; Travel 7.45 Bells, 7.50 Turning Over New Leaves, 7,55 Wei Travel; 8.00 News. B.10 Sunday 8.50 Week's Good Cause: Joanna
- Jacobs, † 10,00 Sounds of the 60st with Kaith Fordyce, 11,00 Album Timet with Pater Clayton, irac, 11,02 Sports Desk, 1,08 Berni Ciriton's Comedy Shop, 1,30 Sport on 2; Includes: Cricket (Third rest); Racing from Newbury (2,00 The Garrie Spirit Chase and 2,40 The Schweppes Gold Trophy Handicap Hurdle; Winter Ohymbics (Women's Downhill); Rugby League (Kent Invicta v Castleford), 6,50 Folk on 2 with Jim Linux 7,00 Jears Score, 7,30 An English Lumley (National Association of Youth Clubs). 8.55 Weather: Travel; 9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers. 9.15 Letter From America with Alistair Cooke. Morning Service (from St Mary's Church, Bamber Eridge,
 - Preston).
 10.15 The Archers. Omnibus edition.
 11.15 Weekend.
 12.00 Smash of the Day: "I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again" (r). 12.30 The Food Programme. 12.55 Weather: Programme News. 1.00 The World This Weekend: News. 2.00 News: Gardeners' Questions.
 2.00 Afternoon Theatre Just Between Ourselves' in Alan Authbourn. Ourselves' by Alan Aychbourn. Peter Vaughan plays the even-tempered, unimaginative man who is surely and slowly driving his wife mad. At moments of crisis in his marriage, he car
 - always escape to his garage, where there is a job to be botched or his friend to be entertained. With Jennifer Pierces and Nigel Anthony (r). 4.00 News; Talking About Antiques. 4.30 The Living World.
 - 4.30 The Living World.
 5.00 News; Travel.
 5.05 Down Your Way visits
 Bigglaswade, Bedfordshire.
 6.00 News.
 6.15 Feedback. Sounds Like Winter. Roger McGough with his choice of
- REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS FOR SATURDAY TVS As London except: 9.25em Wattoo Wattoo. 9.35 Smurts. 19.00 Mork and Mindy. 5.35pm-6.30 Knight Rider. 11.00 Jazz. 11.30 Comed Tonight. 12.00 Company, Closedown.
 - TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am Morning Glory, 8.30 Sport Biby, 9.55 Flying Kiwl. 10.25-10.30 TT Time 5.05pm News. 5.07 Fraggle Rock. 5.40-8.30 Kright Rider. 11.00 Roots of Rock and Roff. 11.55 Journey to the Unknown. 12.50ar Poet's Corner. 12.55 Closedown.

ULSTER 9.25am Space 1999. 10.20-10.30 Centoon. 4.55pm-5.00 Ulster Sports Results. 5.40-6.30 Knight Rider, 11.00 Star

HTV As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.25-10.39 Cartoon. 6.35pm-6.30 Knight Rider. 11,00 Hijl Street Bues. 12.00 Newhart. 12.30am Closedown. HTV WALES: No

CHANNEL As London except:
9.25em Thunderbirds.
19.20-10.30 Puffins Plaice. 5.05pm
Puffins Plaice. 5.10 Fraggle Rock. The
story of some furry folk (first cousins to
the Muppets?) who live underneath a
lighthouse. With Fulton Mackay as the
only human in the cast. 5.40-6.30 Knight
Rider. 11.00 Roots of Rock in Roll.
12.00 Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Professor
Kitzel, 9.30 Metal Mickey, With Irene
Handl and the lovable robot, 9.55
Wattoo, Wattoo, 10.90-10.30 Green
Homet, 5.35pm-6.30 Knight Rider, 11.00
Roots of Rock 'n' Roll, 12.00 Closedown.

TSW As London except 9.25em
Professor Kitzel. 9.30-10.30
Freeze Frame. 5.05pm Newsport. 5.10
Fraggle Rock. 5.40-6.30 Knight Rider.
11.00 Roots of Rock in Roll. 12.00
Washington Trail. 12.25am Postscript,
Closedown.

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Computer age gives Johanna hope for future

communicates Johanna Mitchell's thoughts and feelings more meaningfully than words could perhaps ever express. Johanna, aged four, will never be able to say "I love you". Talking, like walking, was permanently denied before she was born.

But to live in the world that awaits her, Johanna, who suffered "catastrophic" brain damage in hospital because of oxygen shortage while in the womb, must learn to communi-

She cannot speak and has little control of her arms and but in awarding her £220.760 damages for negli-gence last Wednesday, Mr Justice Kenneth Jones said in the High Court that the computer might belp that vital communication.

Interpretation of the control of the

It will, although progress will be agonisingly slow. For a child who may never be able to grasp a pencil, understanding the basic layout of a simplified computer keyboard is a huge challenge to herself. parents and teachers.

But Johanna has begun.

Every day she is taken across the Surrey countryside from her home in Leatherhead to the White Lodge Centre at Cher-tsey, a charity-funded specialist school, staffed by a wide range of therapists.

They, with the help at home of her mother, Mrs Joyce Mitchell, aged 27, have taught her that to clap her hands means "please" and that two taps on her chest with her fist means "sorry". The computer might, one day, teach her to spell her name. "It is not a communication

A kiss for her mother aid," stressed Dr Janet Larcher, who designed most of the 40 programs, which depict houses, cars and cats, as well as words and letters. "For the time being, it can be no more than an educational tool."

The screen shows Johanna her name writ large. A touchsensitive keyboard contains the same letters. If she could reach out and touch, the letters would appear below her name. In the wrong order, they are accompanied by a cross. If correct, they win a congratula-

tory tick. In the meantime, just recognising that it is her name is a minor triumph. Despite ber handicaps. Johanna is of at least normal intelligence. She is bright, mischievious, and most of all aware; and that will

Mr Justice Jones said: "Her intelligence is such that she will be aware of her disabilities and contrast her position with other, normal people." Johanna has used the system of Bliss Symbolics, invented by

the Austrian Charles Bliss and introduced in Britain in 1976, to learn the meaning of 39 symbols on a chart. She can point to the sign for mummy, or daddy, or school.

Mrs Judy Chisholm, communication therapist at White Lodge, said: "We are trying to offer children like Johanna some means of making sense of the world they live in. The computer may help, but no-one should mistake it for a miracle.

The principal, Mrs Carol Myer, said: "Nobody yet knows Johanna's potential. Our task and our target is to help her reach towards it."



From a happy Johanna - a kiss for mother at their home. Photographs: Chris Harris





Future by the fingertips: A computer challenge and a piano toy which helps to link thought and action.

Royal Nav flies 400 from Beirn

Continued from page 1 distant sound of explor came from the mountains in east where the Israelisbombing the Druzoheld to of Bhamdoun:

Bhamdoun: Occasional shell bursis o be heard from the port and the city as the British former queue in front of the Embe boarding the helicopters groups of 20 under the order

a naval lieutenant At the time almost American residents just yards further down the count were being airtified our of Beirut in US Chinook helicon ters which flew the evacues

Sixth Fleet ships offshore.
The British took their of passengers from the Relian Cyprus in a separate flee, of helicoptors while the Gree ferry Sol Georgias put into of Beirut to collect Britis evacuees from the eastern sorts of the city.

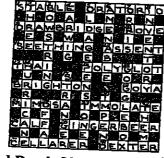
Nevertheless, as many as 900 British residents are believed to have decided to stay on Lebanon. The operation too almost all day and the only the fired in the area of the evacuation came when a Dru gunman accidentally fited pistol into the ground near the British Embassy. It was nonetheless extraordi nary that the Druse should have

so faithfully protected the evacuation throughout the da. After being shelled in ther mountains on Thursday b Phalangist guns and bombarder overnight by a US destroye and then bombed by Israeli jes yesterday, the Druze milital leadership still decided to stand by the promise to guard the evacuees.
"I don't like doing this" one

gunman said, but my bos Walid Jumblant said I mus protect the Americans and the British." Lebanon crisis, page!

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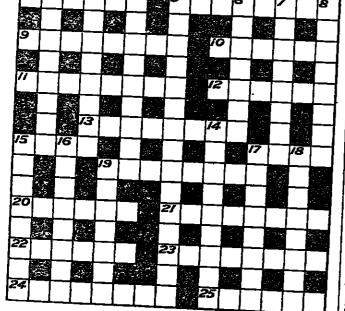
Solution of Puzzle No 16,351



Solution of Puzzle No. 16.346

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,352 A prize of The Times Atlas of the World (comprehensive edition) will be given for the first three correct schutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to. The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: Sqn. Ldr. R. R. Burton. 27 Elgin Gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Mr H. S. Dalton, 1 Cakdenc, Oaks, trenue, Upper Normood, London; Mrs U Sutcliffe, 18 Rouse Gardens,



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- 1 Save me coming back, following previous advice (6).
- 5 Changed daily, like a seasoned traveller (8). 9 One by one, island after island
- appears in turbulent stream (8). 10 Sporadie base for a divine exile 11 Sewer produces saving in time,
- with engineers' backing (8). 12 One of four everyone used to be in or out of (6). 13 Another one to contend with,
- say, for a beginner (8). 15 Experienced sort of writer? (4). 17 Trees named in the Spanish text
- 19 Young shaver going over the top
- 20 Left with it? Some service! (6). 21 Examines musical instrument
- beset by bugs (8). 22 Beats west or south on the way back (6).
- 23 Seis aside German currency
- 24 Herb has one, two or three girls 25 Revolung daily practice on waking (6).

- 2 Happening to die in agony at nightfall (8).
- Is within reach of the living (8). 4 Able to cope with hair, using one arm (9).
- 5 How to How to get an all-round education (15).
- 6 Step dance (7). Secretary takes exam in time (8).
- 8 With this warrant may one remove locks? (8). 14 Finance officer more confident after adjustment of rate (9).
- 15 Admirer in sort of wolf role (8). 16 Reproofs from Reith? (8). 17 Utterly impossible, sometimes to insert a word like this (8). 18 Wrong motorway to use going
- with external loan requested by 19 Study can't anyhow be included in the total (7).

Today's events Royal engagements

The Princess of Wales attends a gala performance of Carmen by the London City Ballet in Oslo; departs Heathrow South, 10.55.

Princess Anne, President of the British Olympia. Princess Anne, Fresident of the British Olympic Association, at-tends the fourteenth Olympic Winter Games at Sarajevo, Yugosla-via: departs RAF Lyncham, 11.35.

New exhibitions

Images in a studio by Bohuslav Barlow: Lancaster City Museum. Market Square. Lancaster: Mon to Fri 10 to 5. Sat 10 to 5 (until March

.30 to 5 (until March | 1).

Turbans, textiles, pots and painting; Walsall Museum and Art Gallery, Central Library, Lichfield Street, Walsall; Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 4.45 (until March 10). Sculpture's Dance; City Museum and Art Gallery, Broad Street, Hanley, Stoke-on Treut; Mon to Sat 10.30 to 5, Wed to 8 (until March

Photographs, pen and ink illustrations and paintings by Stuart Roy: Chelmsford and Essex Museum, Oaklands Park, Moulsham Street, Chelmsford, Mon to Sat 10 to 5 Sing 2 to Stund March 25. o 5, Sun 2 to 5 (until March 25). Wet paint: recent work: Festival gallery. 1 Pierrepont Place. Bath; Tues to Sat 11 to 5 (until March 3). Action in sport: paintings and drawings by Simon Painter: Helios Pictures. 2 Salisbury Road. Moseley, Birmingham; Mon to Sat 9.30 to

New London exhibitions Korean embroideries; Room 98,

6 (until March 7).

Victoria and Albert Museum. Cromwell Road, SW7; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.50, Sun 2.30 to 5.50, closed 10 to 5.50, Sun 2.30 to 5.50, closed Fri (until April 15).

Deborah Von Greyerz-Monroe, prints and works on paper: Pat Schaverien, prints; two exhibitions at the Woodlands Art Gallery, 90 Mycenae Road, Blackheath SE3; Mon to Fri 10 to 7.30, Sat 10 to 6, Sun 2 to 6, closed Weds (until March 6).

Last chance to see Scottish football: an exhibition of scottish tootonic an exhibition of trophies, medals, jerseys, photo-graphs and video; Aberdeen Art Galleries, School Hill, Aberdeen; 10

to 3 (ends today). The body electric ballet and dance photography from 1859 to the present day, Impressions Gallery, 17 Colliergate, York; 10 to 6 (ends

Music

Concert by Amsterdam Locki Stardust Quartet, Stamford Arts Centre, Stamford, 8.

Centre, Stamford, 8.
Concert by the North Gloucestershire Youth Choir, Cirencester
Parish Church, Cirencester, 7.30.
Violin recital by Kim Sjögren, St
James's Church, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, 7.30.
Concert by Philharmonia Orchestra, St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.
Concert by the English Chamber
Orchestra, with Murray Perahia
(piano), Turner Sims Concert Hall,
Southampton University, 8.

Southampton University, 8. Concert by St John's College. Cambridge Musical Society, Senate House, Cambridge, 8.30.

Music

Concert by the Amsterdam Loeki Stardust Quartet; The Regent Centre, High Street, Christchurch, Dorset, 7.30. Recital by Gothic Voices; Peter Morrison Recital Room, Little Benslow Hills, Benslow Lanc. Hitchin, 8.

Viennese evening with the Bournemouth Symphony Orches-tra: Pavilion, Sandown, 3. New exhibitions

Warp, weft and twine: varied approaches to weaving: Usher Gallery, Lindum Road, Lincoln: Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30. Sun 2.30 to 5 (until March 11).

In the garden

If you intend to buy bulbs, corms or tubers for summer flowering order them now before supplies run out. If you normally buy them at a local shop or garden centre, still buy them now, before they deteriorate in uncongenial conditions. Keep gla-dioulus corms dry and in a cool course - and begonia tubers in moist peat in a fairly warm room or greenhouse. Lillies. of course, should never be allowed to dry up and shrivel and the sooner they are planted the better.

flyou want carly gladiolus flowers set the corms in trays in a heated room or greenhouse this month to sprout and plant them out in March. The new dwarf large flowered gladioli which need no staking are a real breakthrough – church flower arrangers, please note!

If we are lucky enough to have open weather in the next few weeks, rake-scarify-lawns to remove dead grass and decaying debris from last summer's mowings. Do it a bit at a time, as raking a lawn is hard work, but it really does tone up the turf. If you plan to sow peas, broad beans and lettuces soon and you have cloches, set these in place now to cloches, set these in place now to allow the soil to dry out a bit and warm up ready for sowing in a couple of weeks time.

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Roads

Wales and West: A35: Road-works at Loughwood, Devon. between Axminster and Honiton; temporary traffic signals at Bow Bridge A40: Roadworks at Raglan, Gwent, on road to Micheltroy and Monmouth; temporary traffic signals in operation 24 hours a day. A377: Roadworks at Bonhay (Barnstaple) Road, Exeter, tempor-

ary traffic lights. Midlands and East Anglia: A47: Roundabour construction at Great Yarmouth. A52: Roadworks at Muston Bends, Leicester, single lane traffic, temporary signals. A45: Roadworks at Fosse crossing. Warwickshire, between Coventry and Daventry.
North: A689: Remedial work to

North: A669: Remedial work to Waskerley Bridge, Wolsingham, co Durham: traffic lights. A628: Improvement work to the Thurleston river bridge, single lane traffic controlled by traffic signals. A691/A692: Roadworks (stage one) at Leadeate bypass on Durham

A091/A092: ROSIGNOTES (Stage one) at Leadgate bypass, co Durham.
Scotland: A739: Gantry foundation work south of Clyde tunnel; inside lane closed. A956: Construction of a roundatout on Mellington road, Aberdeen, at South Esplanade West; care required. A87: Rock scaling will periodically halt traffic for up to 10 minutes between Shield Bridge and Cluanie, Ross and Cromarty, traffic reduced to single lane, controlled by lights.
Information supplied by the AA

Lighting-up times

TODAY Bristol 5.37 pm to 6 52 sm Bristol 5.47 pm to 7.1 am Eristourgh 5.36 pm to 7.17 am Manchester 5.40 pm to 7.5 am Penzance 6.2 pm to 7.10 am TOMORROW TOMORROW
London 5.39 pm to 6.50 am
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Edinburgh 5.38 pm to 7.14 em
Manchester 5.42 pm to 7.3 am
Penzance 6.4 pm to 7.8 am

Anniversaries

TODAY: Births: William Henry
Fox Talbot, pioneer of photography,
Laycock Abbey, Wiltshire, 1800.
Thomas Alva Edison, inventor of
the phonograph and other electrical
innovations, Milan, Ohio, 1847.
Deaths: Honore Daumier, Caricaturist, Valmondois, France, 1879;
Sir Charles Parsons, inventor of the turist. Valmondois. France. 1879; Sir Charles Parsons, inventor of the steam turbine, Kingston. Jamaica, 1931: John Buchan, 1st Baron Tweedsmulr, statesman, governorgeneral of Canada 1935-40, and novelist. Montreal, 1940, TOMORROW: Births: Thomas Campion. composer and poet.

TOMORROW: Births: Thomas Campion, composer and poet, London, 1567: George Hadley, physicist and meteorologist. London, 1685: Charles Darwin, Shrewsbury, 1809: Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth president of the United States (1861-65), Hodgenville, Kentucky, 1809: George Meredith, novelist, Portsmouth, 1828: Max Beckmann, expressionist painter.

novelisi, Portsmouth, 1828; Max Beckmann, expressionist painter, Leipzig, 1884.

Deaths: Lady Jane Grey, ex-cuted, London, 1554; Immanuel Kant, philosopher, Kónigsberg, Prussia (Kaliningrad, Soviet Union), 1804; Sir Astiey Cooper, surgeon, London, 1841; Lillie Langtry, Monte Carlo, 1929.

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Weather With anticyclones centred to the

S and E, pressure will continue high over the British Isles 6am to midnight

London, SE England, East Anglia: Mainly dry, rather cloudy at times, some brighter intervals developing; wind mainly NW, moderate, becoming variable, light; most series, becoming variable, light; most series, affectionals, NW, central S, N England: Dry, any log patches clearing slowly, surny retarnals continued to 50°F.

E. ME England: Dry, surny periods; wind variable, light; max series, light; max series 9 or 10C (48 to 50°F).

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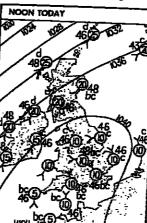
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Bordera, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth Dry, surny Intervals; wind manly S. light or moderate; max temp 10 to 12C (50 to 54F).

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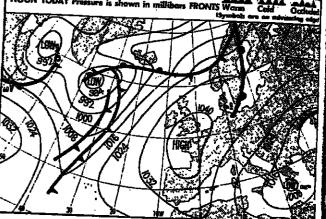
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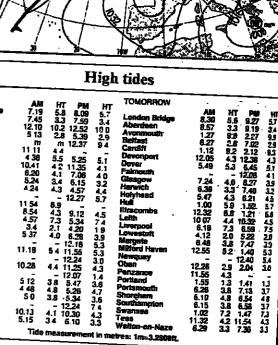


Highest and lowest

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); mm 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Humsdity: 6 pm, 79 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 1-3hr. Bar, mean saa level, 6 pm, 1040.7 m@bars. steed-





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